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GRAVE POLITICAL CRISIS AT HOME

LABOUR GOVERNMENT MAY RESIGN

T.U.C. ADAMANT

REFUSES AGREE TO SACRIFICES ON PART OF WORKERS AND UNEMPLOYED.

CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT?

The breach between the Labour Government and the powerful Trade Union Congress has not been bridged. Indeed, if anything, it is widening.

As a result of it remaining adamant on the subject of sacrifices on the part of workers and the unemployed it has placed Mr. MacDonald in a tight corner. At the same time he is being badgered by Conservatives to effect substantial economies. Truly, may it be said, the Labour Premier is between the devil and the deep sea.

That a real crisis is imminent and that Conservatives expect to play a leading part in it is confirmed by Mr. Stanley Baldwin's recall to London.

RESIGNATION SUGGESTED

London, Yesterday. After a day of drama, excitement and feverish negotiations behind the scenes, the breach between the Government and the powerful Trade Union body remains complete.

The Trade Union Congress refuses to believe the crisis is so grave as to warrant sacrifices by workers, and the unemployed and demands that no decision be taken till the Trade Union Congress meeting at Bristol on September 7 is concluded.

Moreover, it is believed that, if Government persists with its proposals some of the Ministers, notably Mr. Tom Johnson and Mr. Lansbury will resign.

At the same time Opposition leaders are insisting upon the most substantial economies and pressing for the earliest decision. Consequently, the position of Government is the most precarious and resignation is possible, and it is even suggested that Mr. Baldwin may soon head a Conservative Government. —Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday. Government's efforts to devise proposals for balancing the Budget which would be assured of a wide measure of approval among all Parties in the House of Commons were continued throughout to-day. It is understood considerable progress is being made as the result of conferences during the past few days on which soundings have been taken among representatives of the Government's supporters and Leaders of the Opposition Parties.

A broad outline of the economy measures were laid before the General Council of the Trade Union Congress yesterday, when its members, together with the National Executive of the Labour Party, attended a joint meeting which was addressed by the Prime Minister.

The Labour Executive later decided to leave the position with the Government, but the General Council, after considerable discussion,

communicated its views to the Prime Minister through a deputation which was received at Downing Street late last night.

The position revealed by these conferences was reviewed at a full meeting of the Cabinet which was held this morning. The meeting lasted for over four hours. At its conclusion Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Sir Samuel Hoare, representing the Conservatives, and Sir Herbert Samuel and Sir Donald MacLean, on behalf of the Liberals, were again summoned to meet the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. They remained at No. 10 Downing Street for about two hours, during which other Ministers arrived to take part in the discussions. They resumed conversations after dinner to-night.

A further meeting of the Cabinet has been summoned for 9.30 to-morrow morning. It is assumed that at its conclusion an official statement of the Government's plans will be made. Meanwhile, little reliance can be attached to details of published forecasts.

At the meeting of the General of the Trade Union Congress to-day reports from the five representatives who conveyed to the Cabinet the Council's views of Government's proposals was received. In a Communication issued it is stated that the Council endorsed the report and instructed their Economic Committee to watch the development of the situation with view to the Council presenting a full statement of the position to the Trade Union Congress at Bristol on September 7.

Mr. Baldwin Returns. Conservative Leader Mr. Stanley Baldwin travelled to-day from Aix-les-Bains, where he has been on holiday, to Paris. While at Aix-les-Bains, Mr. Baldwin has been kept in close touch with the situation and according to a statement issued by the Conservative Central Office he has now decided to return to London. —British Wireless Service.

TYPHOON REFUGE

It is notified in the Government Gazette that no craft shall lie alongside or make fast to the south side of the Promenade, that is to say, the side opposite the portion of the Yau-mai Typhoon Refuge exclusively reserved at all times for Government craft.

Previous Piracy.

The last piracy reported to the Hong Kong authorities was that of the China Merchant S.S. Co.'s Hain Ming, which was seized in Northern waters on January 10 this year, and taken to Honghai Bay, north of Blas Bay. The vessel in this case was not one calling at Hong Kong, being usually on the Shanghai-Tientsin run.

PIRATES ON H.K. SHIP?

ALARM ABOARD S.S. HELIKON.

RETURN TO PORT

H.M.S. STORMCLOUD RUSHED TO SCENE.

The belief that there were pirates aboard the British steamer Helikon, of Hong Kong, caused H.M.S. Stormcloud to be rushed to her assistance yesterday.

A mysterious feature of the affair is that the wireless on the Helikon was either put out of order, or broke down. However, nothing official has yet been issued.

The Helikon was brought back to Hong Kong, arriving in Kowloon Bay at 5.30 this morning. Police launches at once went out, and later the ship was brought to No. 2 wharf at the Kowloon Godowns, where Police investigations are still proceeding.

Left Here Yesterday.

The Helikon left here at 8.30 yesterday morning, bound for Saigon. What subsequently happened has not yet been revealed, but it appears that the captain sent out a message to the effect that he suspected pirates to be aboard. H.M.S. Stormcloud reached the scene at about 4.30 p.m., when the Helikon was about 140 miles out from Hong Kong.

There are 300 Chinese passengers aboard the ship. Further details are for the moment lacking. Nine People Detained.

Six men and three women have been detained and taken from the ship by the Police. A report is also current that three packets were seen to be thrown overboard as H.M.S. Stormcloud came alongside.

It is said that a woman who was aboard the Helikon before the ship sailed yesterday, told the commander and some of the female passengers in the third class that she had seen the butt-end of a firearm sticking out of a man's pocket. The man was presumably a passenger on the steamer. As a consequence, the woman refused to sail, and left the ship. She was not so far been traced.

The Police took statements from the ship's commander and a male passenger, the nature of which have not been divulged.

The Helikon will clear at once, and is expected to sail for Saigon at about 1 p.m.

Pirated Last Year.

Belonging to Messrs. Wo Fat Shing, the Helikon registered in Hong Kong, was the victim of a pirate outrage only as recently as July 21 last year. On that occasion she was also bound from Hong Kong to Saigon, when at about 2.15 a.m. the ship was seized. The vessel was taken to Blas Bay, the No. 1 compradore, and fourteen of the passengers being kidnapped, and held for ransom. Captain Anderson, interviewed at the time, said that the European Officers were not molested, and nothing was taken from them. But a European first class passenger was robbed, besides all the Chinese aboard. The total loot in cash, jewellery, and cargo, was estimated at \$15,000.

Built in Hong Kong.

The s.s. Helikon was built by the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Company in 1917. She is a steel screw steamer, registered in Hong Kong, equipped with wireless, of 2,232 tons gross, and 1,385 net. She is 270.6 long, 40.1 beam, and 19.4 in depth.

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FIDUCIARY NOTE ISSUE.

Prolonged Another Three Weeks.

PRUDENT MEASURE.

London, Yesterday. The increased fiduciary note issue by the Bank of England, authorised on August 1 has been prolonged for a further period of three weeks. Reuter.

[In this connection the Treasury authorised the Bank of England to increase its fiduciary note issue by £15,000,000 to £275,000,000 for three weeks. It was said to be a purely precautionary measure by the Bank which had applied for the authority a few days previously when there was the severest drain on the Bank's gold stocks, coupled with the prospect of the usual public withdrawals of cash around August Bank Holiday. While the then present reserve of the Bank of England was regarded as adequate to meet all nominal requirements, it was considered prudent to arrange for an increase of the fiduciary issue.]

KWONGSANG DISASTER.

No further information with regard to s.s. Kwongsang had been received by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., until shortly before noon to-day.

Regarding the s.s. Wai-shing, it was stated that she was expected to leave Nam Kwan Bay for Shanghai some time to-morrow.

"KINDLY ASSIST."

S.O.S. Message from China to America.

HELP COMING.

Washington, Yesterday. The Red Cross of China has sent the following S.O.S. to the American Red Cross:—

"Flood conditions appalling. Victims suffering intensely. Kindly assist."

The American Red Cross is sending \$100,000 to the United States Consul-General at Hankow. —Reuter.

FINE!

The weather report issued by the Royal Observatory this morning at 10.33 o'clock states:—

The typhoon about 100 miles south of Hain, moving north.

The Indo-China depression has filled up, leaving a trough of low pressure over the North China Sea.

Local forecast:—East winds, moderate; fine.

POLICE SERGEANT'S MISHAP.

Rides Over a Bank in the Dark.

FRACTURED LEG.

While returning on his motor cycle to Sheung Shui Police Station last night, Sergeant F. J. Hill accidentally ran over the banking near the 87½ miles stone, along the Tai Po Road.

He was found by Police-Sergeant H. G. Baker, who was on patrol at six o'clock this morning, and sent to the Kowloon Hospital, where it was found that Sergeant Hill is suffering from a fractured leg.

MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS.

Amendments to Traffic Regulations.

SIGNALS AND BRAKES.

A large number of new or amended traffic regulations is published in the Government Gazette.

Some of the principal changes are as under:—

Licences:—
Trailers \$60
Hand propelled petrol or oil pumps \$60
The driver of a motor omnibus shall ensure that the signalling device referred to in regulation 129 (5) is in good working order and is properly operated, and be responsible if any signal is not duly given.

The driver of a commercial motor vehicle shall ensure that his vehicle is not overloaded and that the load is properly stacked, secured and carried.

On change of ownership of a licensed private vehicle, the person disposing of and the person acquiring such vehicle shall.

Security of \$200.

Every applicant for a licence for a public vehicle, shall, as a condition of the issue of such licence, deposit with the Inspector General of Police the sum of \$200.

Public vehicles and commercial motor vehicles shall be inspected by a police officer authorised by the Inspector General of Police for the purpose:—

(1) before being licensed as new vehicles;
(2) on change of ownership;
(3) once monthly.

All reasonable facilities shall be given to every such inspecting officer by the licensee and the driver, and his reasonable requirements shall be complied with by them.

A motor vehicle shall not exceed seven feet six inches in width between its extreme projecting points.

Testing Brakes.

"The brakes of a motor vehicle may be tested by any European police officer of the Traffic sub-department not below the rank of sergeant. The licensee and the driver shall give all reasonable facilities for such testing, and the occupants (if any) of the vehicle shall comply with all reasonable requirements of the police officer. Cars may be stopped on the road for such testing of brakes, but, ordinarily, cars will not be stopped for brake test while making a journey."

The substitution of the words "fifteen miles per hour" for the words "twenty miles per hour."

Except with permission the total number of such employees in or upon the vehicle shall not exceed six.

Signalling Device.

A vehicle must be provided with a mechanical signalling device, to the satisfaction of the Inspector General of Police, in good working order, easily seen from the rear, and to be lighted at night, for indicating to following traffic the direction to be taken by the vehicle, and intention to stop the vehicle."

No motor omnibus shall be licensed or shall ply unless it conforms with the constructional requirements laid down in Government Notification No. 823 of May 30, 1930.

New Parking Places.

Hillier Street, west side, between Connaught Road Central and Bonham Street.

Wardley Street, between Des Voeux Road Central and Connaught Road Central.

Car Park, Salisbury Road, opposite Kowloon Fire Station, Liberty Avenue.

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REPLY TO GANDHI'S CHARGE SHEET

CONGRESS ACTIVITIES CONTRARY TO SPIRIT & LETTER OF PACT

VICEROY'S CONTENTIONS

ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL DEFINITELY REFUSED

It was announced, yesterday, that the Viceroy had suddenly decided to return to Simla to consider his reply to Gandhi's allegations. That he should have so had to decide is indicative of another serious political situation developing.

His Excellency the Viceroy has lost no time in issuing his reply. It is, even from the meagre details contained in the cable published below, a "scathing indictment of Congress duplicity."

Undoubtedly it will have the effect of precipitating another crisis, and it will not be surprising to hear that Civil Disobedience, with all its attendant evils, has been embarked upon.

Of course, all hope of Gandhi now being permitted to go to London to attend the Round Table Conference is off. Naturally this is greatly to be regretted. Gandhi's absence denudes the Conference of much of its importance, but whether it will also impair the effectiveness of its decisions and proposals is problematical.

GOVERNMENT CANNOT BE FETTERED

Simla, Yesterday. The letter from the Viceroy replying to Mahatma Gandhi's "charge sheet" denies Gandhi's allegation of breaches of the Irwin-Gandhi Pact on the part of Government.

Menace to Peace.

The Viceroy contends that the activities of Congress in many directions has been contrary both to the spirit and letter of the settlement and involved the constant menace of the maintenance of peace.

No Design to Crush Congress.

The Viceroy argues that it is a complete misreading of the situation to suggest that there has

been either absence of goodwill on the part of local Governments in working for a settlement or any design to crush Congress workers.

Government's Intention.

It is the intention of the Government of India to restrict their action to the requirements of any special situation, and to avoid special measures as far as possible.

Demand for Tribunal Refused.

As regards Gandhi's demand for an arbitration tribunal, the Viceroy says that Government is unable to fetter their discretion or that of local Governments. —Reuter.

"DAPPER DAN."

Scores Once Again in Colony.

SILK MERCHANT FRAUDED.

"Dapper Dan," whose unwelcome appearance in the Colony recently has given the Police a great deal of trouble, was successful in yet another "deal" yesterday, his victim being the Crown Silk Store, of 5, Wellington Street.

Mr. Kaub Chand, manager, notified the Police that at six o'clock yesterday evening, a Chinese, having a smart appearance, placed an order for silk to the total value of \$75. He requested that the silk be sent to 65, Robinson Road and that payment would be made there. The manager sent a female assistant with the silk to the house. Here she was met on the doorway by "Dapper Dan," who handed over a cheque, which was signed "D. S. Cheung." On examination of the cheque at the store it was found to be worthless. The cheque was issued on the Chartered Bank.

for Chinese Affairs, with effect from August 1.

His Excellency the Governor has, in accordance with instructions received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, been pleased to recognise Cav. Raffaele Ferrajolo as Acting Consul-General for Italy in Hong Kong.

APPOINTMENTS.

His Majesty the King has approved the appointment of the Hon. Mr. C. G. Stewart Mackie to be an Unofficial member of the Legislative Council, vice Mr. John Owen Hughes resigned, with effect from May 7.

His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Hon. Mr. William Henry Bell to be temporarily an Unofficial member of the Legislative Council in the place of the Hon. Sir Henry Edward Pollock, Kt., K.C., who is temporarily absent from the Colony, with effect from May 14. His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. E. C. Wilkinson to be an Assistant to the Secretary

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THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

"MAIL" REVIEWS. CANADA'S OPEN SPACES.

"Army Without Banners" by John Beames; Ernest Benn, Ltd., London; 7/6.

A live novel of struggle in the great open spaces of Western Canada, where people live hard and close to Nature and where survival is not so much of the fittest (physically) as of those endowed with grit to carry on in the face of great disappointment, and who have vision. It is a fascinating and dramatic romance of hard living in an untamed land, and, withal, realistic.

In this novel the story is told of two pioneering families who set out to wrestle with the wilderness for a home. The one is content simply to seek a living, the other to live and civilise. They are neighbours, and the story of their ups and downs makes fascinating reading. The several types of pioneering characters one meets, and there are many, are skilfully drawn. They not only stand out, but live; and one is made to feel that you

know and understand their every yearning. You are so placed in tune with them that you cannot help sympathising in their sorrows and disappointments, and rejoicing when they make merry.

BRIGHT GIRL'S STRUGGLE

"A Little Learning," by Doreen Wallace; Ernest Benn, Ltd., London; 7/6.

A well written story of a "bright" girl's struggle, and failure, to get out of the rut of narrow, conservative, rural life. Olive Flowerdew, about whom the story works itself out, is the daughter of a prosperous smallholder. By means of her brains she wins scholarships, one of which takes her to Oxford and into a strange atmosphere. She is now known as Olivia Flowerdew, and is described by her fellow-undergraduates as "quite keen in the brain but incredibly limited." Her upbringing and the environment of her pre-college life are her greatest handicaps. She has about her a strain of Gypsy blood which is, if

she realised, more of an asset than liability for her. It is so evident that she is frankly questioned about it. She, however, repudiates any such suggestion warmly, much to her own disadvantage.

Romance and tragedy are woven into the story together with a trifle of light humour to lighten it, also very able descriptive writing and skilful character studies.

As the title suggests, the theme is, of course, whether a little learning isn't a dangerous thing. It proves so to be in the case of Olivia Flowerdew. But one cannot help feeling terribly sorry that it should be so with her, and that through suffering, she should attain only to second-rate happiness.

Mr. Ernest Newman has got a subject after his own heart in a book called "Fact and Fiction about Wagner," which Cassell is to publish. He solves beyond all question many of the vexed problems relating to Wagner and some of his masterpieces, and also the redoubtable Cosima.

U.S. BAN ON ENGLISH "FIRST EDITIONS."

Bombshell in Ranks of Booksellers.

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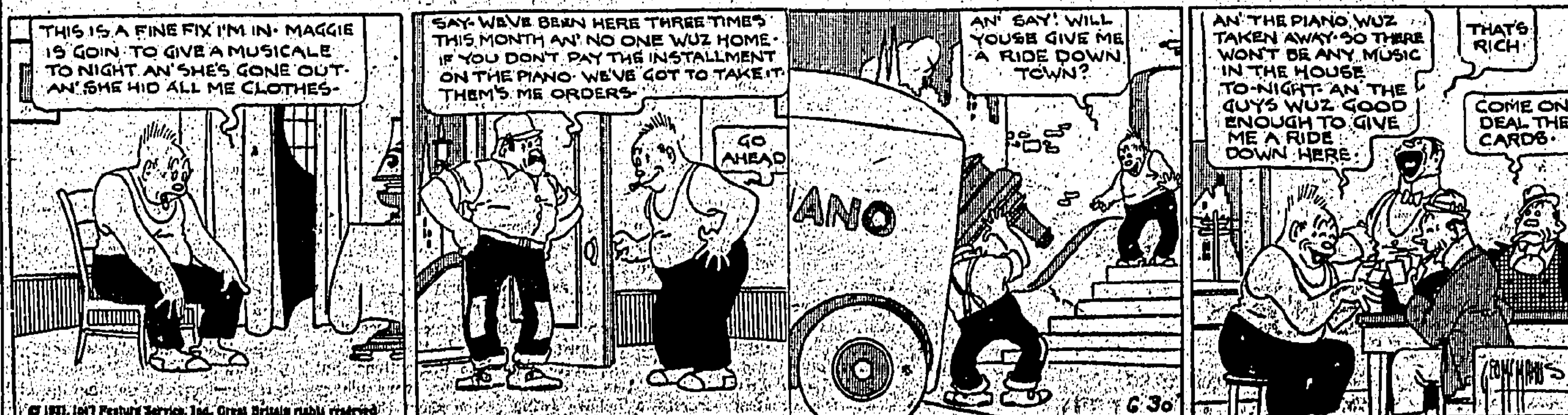
Something like a bombshell has been thrown into the ranks of English booksellers by the new action of the United States Customs Service in prohibiting the importation into the United States of English copyright books which are already copyrighted there.

An English bookseller recently sent some first English editions of Shaw and Galsworthy to a private collector in the States, but the Customs Service have opened the parcels and returned the books to the sender, on the ground that their admission into the States infringed the American Copyright Act. Mr. G. H. Grubb (of Messrs. Putnam's),

an authority on American copyright law, has expressed the opinion that the Customs are quite justified in their action. The position appears to be that if a book has been copyrighted in the States, the importation of any copy of such book is an infringement of their law. For many years the sale of English first editions has been a source of much profit to English booksellers.

The question of copyright between the United States and Britain has never been properly settled, in spite of negotiations extending over many years. There is no distinction made between books sent to a private collector. Unless the restrictions are relaxed the American collector will lose his pleasure and the English bookseller his profit, and nobody will be better off for it. The only way out at present is for the owner of the American copyright to give his sanction, but that he is not likely to do. It may be recalled that many years ago, upon a pirated edition of "Fors Clavigera" being published in the States, Ruskin wrote a furious letter of protest, but the only notice the publishers took of the letter was to publish it as an advertisement for the issue.

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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

INDIANS' SECURE EASY WIN.

Defeat A.T.C. in the "B" Division.

UNIVERSITY "C" WIN.

The I. R. C. in the "B" division of the Tennis League yesterday defeated the Army Tennis Club by 6 sets to 3, on their own ground.

Scores:—
A. A. Rumjahn and J. S. A. Curram (I.R.C.)—
beat Col. Robinson and Capt. de Linde 6-3
beat Capt. Etherington and M. Waring 7-5
beat S. M. Atkinson and S. M. Mitchell 6-0
A. R. Minu and F. D. Pereira (I.R.C.)—
lost to Col. Robinson and Capt. de Linde 1-6
lost to Capt. Etherington and M. Waring 1-6
beat S. M. Atkinson and S. M. Mitchell 6-3
A. H. Madar and S. A. Ismail (I.R.C.)—
beat Col. Robinson and Capt. de Linde 6-3
beat Capt. Etherington and M. Waring 6-0
lost to S. M. Atkinson and S. M. Mitchell 3-6
League Table to Date:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Recreo	11	9	0	2	0	1	18
Chinese R.C.	8	8	0	0	5	1	16
C.C.C.	11	8	0	3	0	0	18
University	10	6	1	3	0	0	18
C.S.C.C.	10	5	2	3	4	0	12
H.K.C.C.	11	5	2	4	5	1	12
Indian R.C.	10	6	1	4	4	0	11
Army T.C.	10	4	0	6	4	2	8
Kowloon C.C.	9	2	0	7	2	1	4
M.B.K.	7	1	0	6	1	0	2
S. China	8	1	0	7	0	0	2
Nippon C.	11	1	0	10	0	0	2

Playing at Pokfulam yesterday afternoon, the University defeated the Deutscher Club by 7½ sets to 1½ in the "C" division.

Scores:—
L. A. Silva and L. Oppenheim (University)—
drew with O. Neidt and Soltau 6-6
beat W. Fischer and O. May 6-1
beat R. Schmidt and G. Schieldt 6-2

P. L. Tan and A. T. Tsai (University)—
beat O. Neidt and Soltau 6-1
beat Fischer and May 6-0
beat Schmidt and Schieldt 6-0
P. Kho and K. M. Lo (University)—
lost to Neidt and Soltau 3-6
beat Fischer and May 6-0
beat Schmidt and Schieldt 6-4

League Table to Date.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
C.R.C.	14	13	1	0	10	18	27
Recreo	13	12	1	0	8	32	25
S. China	12	9	0	3	7	34	18
University	10	8	0	2	0	25	16
Y.M.C.A.	13	8	0	5	6	50	16
K.C.C.	12	7	1	4	5	53	15
Gradu.	12	7	0	5	5	46	14
H.K.C.C.	13	6	1	6	5	60	13
I.R.C.	12	4	1	7	4	64	9
Radio S.C.	12	3	2	7	3	67	8
Army T.C.	12	3	1	8	3	63	7
C.C.C.	12	3	0	9	3	70	6
K.I.T.C.	14	2	1	11	4	84	5
C.S.C.C.	14	1	2	11	3	77	4
Deutscher C.	11	1	1	9	2	73	3

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

LAWN BOWLS—To-day—
Division I.—Taikee R.C. v. Craigengower C.C.; Civil Service C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.; Club de Recreo v. Kowloon B.G.C.; Division II.—Craigengower C.C. v. Taikee R.C.; Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service C.C.; Kowloon B.G.C. v. Club de Recreo; Electric R.C. v. Yacht Club.

ABROAD.

CRICKET—To-day, Monday and Tuesday—
Middlesex v. Kent at Lord's; Surrey v. Yorkshire at the Oval; Hampshire v. Leicestershire at Bourne; Gloucestershire v. Warwickshire at Gloucester; Nottingham v. Lancashire at Nottingham; Derbyshire v. Glamorgan at Chesterfield.
LAWN TENNIS—To-day—U.S. Ladies' Championships at Forest Hills.
ATHLETICS—To-day—England v. Italy at Stamford Bridge.
FOOTBALL—To-day—Scottish League Programme.

BILLIARDS FINAL AT SOLDIERS' CLUB.

Volunteers Beat Prison Officers' Mess.

COMFORTABLE MARGIN.

In the final between the Hong Kong Volunteers and the Prison Officers' Mess, in connection with the Soldiers' Club Billiards Tournament, last evening, the Hong Kong Volunteers beat the 'Warders' by 1,483 points to 1,242. The individual scores were as follows:

	Volunteers.	Prison Officers.
M. A. Silva	200	T. Pile 95
E. A. Remedios	107	T. Gooding 200
J. D. Remedios	200	Brimblecombe 100
F. P. Sequeira	200	Hill 168
M. A. Baptista	176	Gowling 200
J. C. Remedios	200	Johnson 146
A. P. Silva	200	Cornwall 90
L. Lima	200	Mitchell 178

GOLF.

Starting Times for To-Morrow.

The Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the following list of starting times for Fanning to-morrow:—
9.20 a.m. R. C. Law, W. N. Buyers.
9.24 " J. H. Anderson, W. C. Shields.
9.28 " A. Reid, D. J. Gilmore.
9.32 " A. C. L. Bowker, F. S. Thomson.
9.36 " A. Leach, W. R. Vallance.
9.40 " O. Eager, A. D. Humphreys.

Grass is the surface on which tennis was originally played, and is still the surface on which the game can best be played. A good grass court is the ideal surface. The fast shot will be a winning shot if well placed. The spin shot will take its full effect. Tactics and speed combined will reap their full reward, for the retriever, who reduces the game to batons on rubble, cannot meet with such success on grass nor create havoc among the ranks of those who play the game as they feel it should be played.—H. W. Austin.

EASIER GOLF

by H. STUART HOBSON

THE VARDON SWING AS THE SECRET OF THE U.S. GOLFER.

EFFORTLESS ACHIEVEMENT.

"Why are U.S. golfers so many clear shots ahead of their British rivals?"

That is a question that I put recently to an ex-amateur champion, whose experiences as a player in both countries entitle his views to consideration.

He answered:—
"Our friends in the States have rediscovered the Vardon swing. Their golf swing is a swing, while the swing of many of the British 'pros' is an attempt to clout the ball away."

The Vardon Swing.
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It is the rhythm of the swing that still makes champions. The "inside-out" theory, or the opposite, is of minor importance. Minimum Effort.
One of the greatest secrets a golfer can learn is how little effort

is required to drive a golf ball 250 yards.

It is important to find the happy medium between limpness in swinging and "tightening up," between the excessively long swing and the excessively short swing.

An elusive fault that frequently finds its way into the golfer's game is the tendency to lengthen the swing. This is a peculiarly unfortunate error, as it is difficult for the golfer to discover what he is doing wrong, and even more difficult to eliminate the "fault" if it is allowed to become a habit.

The Quarter Swing.
Very few golfers really know how far they have swung for any given shot.

It is interesting to ask a moderate player to play a shot with a quarter swing, and then stop the club at the top of the swing, showing him where it is.

Lack of progress at golf can often be remedied by cutting down the swing for all shots by just under a quarter of their length.

Occasionally a player spoils his style by allowing himself to be deceived by the increased accuracy he gains by the reduction in length. It is certain that for every player whose swing is too short there are many hundreds who over-swing.

Before making any other alterations in his play, the golfer who is out of sorts should study very carefully his grip and swing.

Needless Sacrifice.
Beginners are apt to sacrifice everything in order to drive the ball "out of sight," and, with this end in view, they will persist in using clubs far too long in the shaft, under the impression that the longer the shaft is, the more power and impetus will be imparted into the club-head at the moment of impact.

This idea is a dangerous one, particularly in regard to iron clubs. One of the greatest aids to accuracy is a short-shafted iron club.

Harry Vardon has taught a good many players the wonderful possibilities of accurate iron play. That is certainly a lesson that golfers in the United States have learned thoroughly from him. The golfer who is deadly accurate up to 150 yards is a match-winner always when compared to one whose chief accomplishment is that he can occasionally smite the ball 200 yards with a heavy iron.

Two Common Faults.
Two faults are very common to beginners at golf. Either the player adopts too stiff an attitude, or else he is far too loose and "floppy."

Both of these are cardinal errors.

Once the "tightening up" process becomes engrained in the golfer's swing, it is very difficult to eradicate. That is why one sees so many hundreds of players on the links, who, though long since out of the novice stage, continue to play the most mediocre kind of golf.

There is no rhyme or reason in tightening up the body, arms, and legs to such a degree that all the joints and "hinges" are virtually put out of commission.

"Smoothness" and "command" are the making of the Vardon swing. It is the knack of letting the club-head do the work. (China Mail Copyright.)

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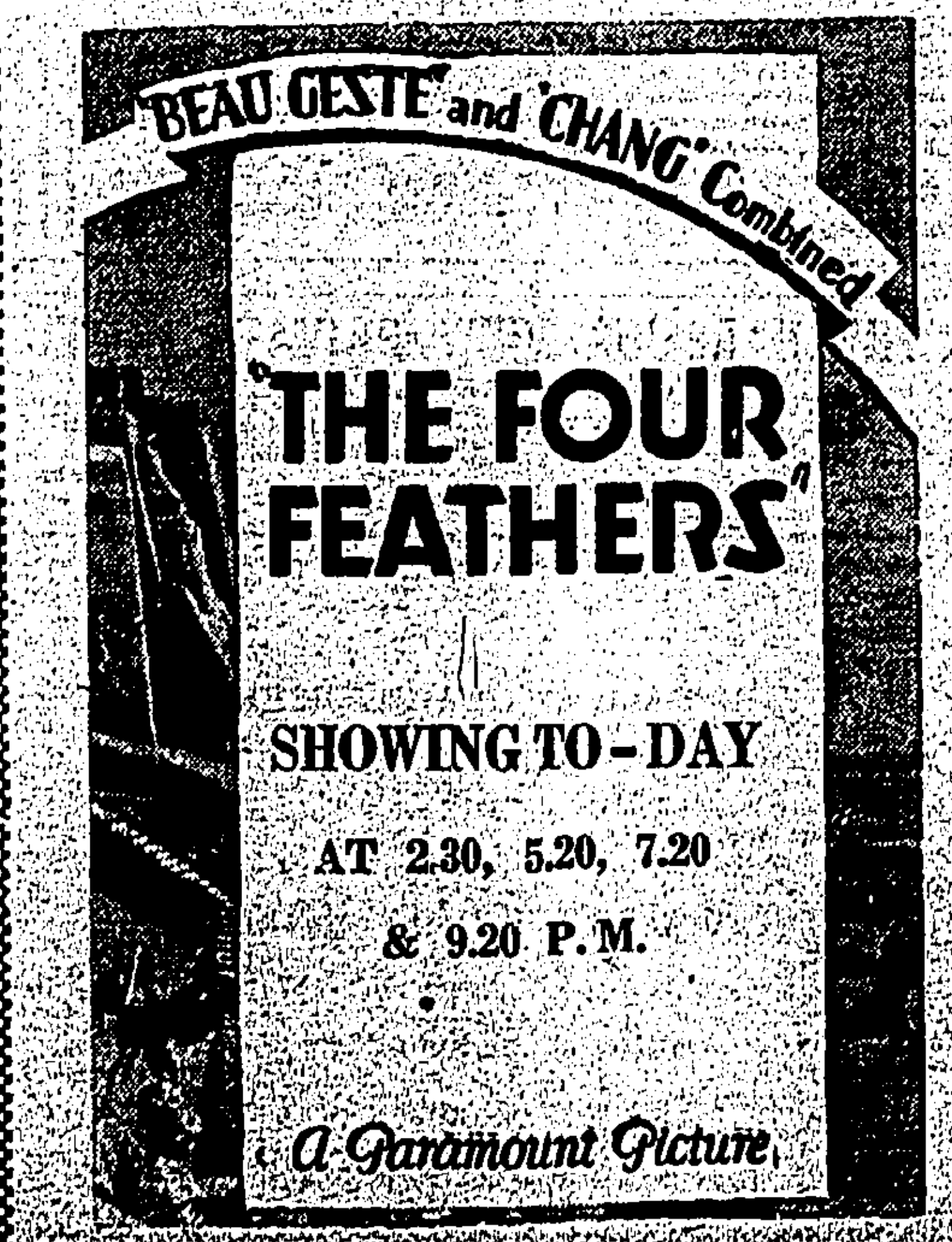
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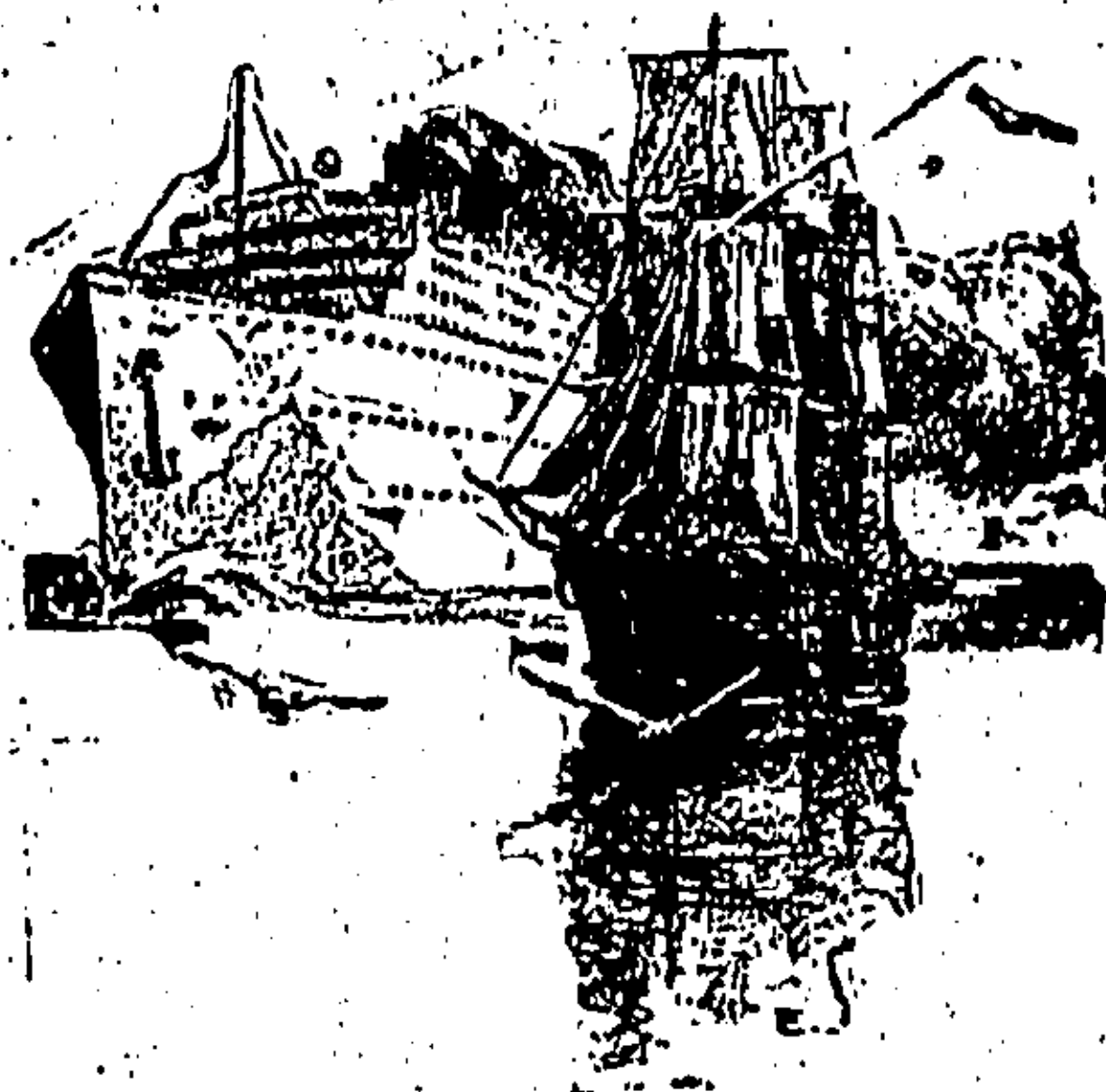
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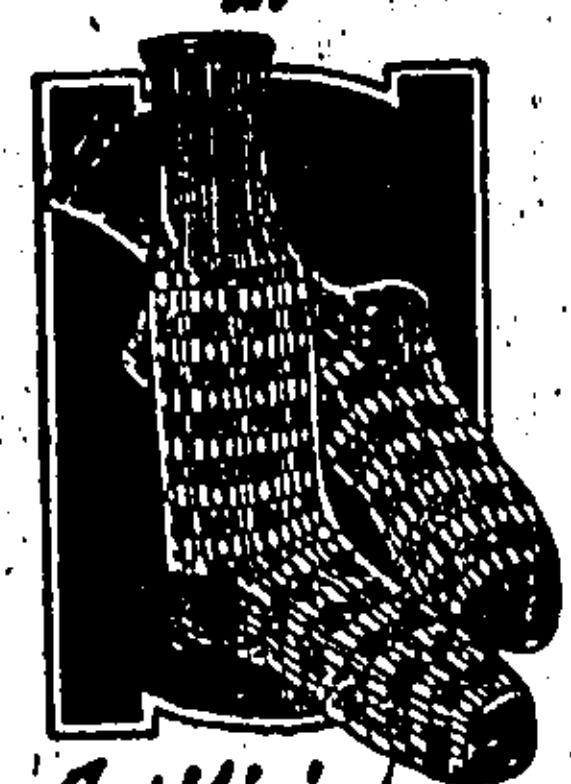
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Adversaria.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, now on a golfing holiday in France, has had, from time to time, many titles of affection conferred upon him. Recently, on the occasion of his visit to South America, he was popularly styled as "Britain's Trade Envoy" and "Britain's Business Ambassador." He has since qualified for the conferment of yet another title—"Creator of Slogans." It is recalled, in this connection, that those familiar slogans—"Buy British," "British and Best" and "Buy from those who purchase our products,"—were contained in speeches actually delivered by the Prince. He seems to have a flair for coining catchy phrases, and it is now said that his every speech is sedulously combed for phrases which can be used as pulling slogans.

It used to be a familiar thing, Anniversary, at one time to come across happily or otherwise married couples celebrating either their Tin Wedding, Silver Wedding or even Gold Wedding. There are few who have not attended one or all three celebrations. Either married couples do not mark these eventful occasions as used to be the custom, or there are few, if any, couples who stay married nowadays long enough to do so, for it is rather more the exception than the rule to hear of such celebrations. It is interesting, therefore, to note, that Jose and Maria Pacifico of Curitiba, Brazil, only very recently celebrated their Platinum Wedding. The age of the husband is stated to be 125 and that of the wife 125. Their youngest child—the baby—is 66 and still going strong.

A good story is said to have been told recently by the British Consul-General at Chicago. It was related in the course of a speech at the lun-

cheon given by the American Chamber of Commerce in London. An American and a Briton, who had seen a good deal of service together in the war, were to be parted. One—the British Consul-General very tactfully did not say which—said to the other:

"Good-bye, old man. Thank you for the friendly way in which you have co-operated with me. We have both been doing God's work, you in your way and I in His!"

There is to-day in Paris a sad-telling Trick-der but wiser femme de chambre. She used to consult a fortune-teller with the regularity some people consult their doctor. An impending windfall, to which vague hints had been made at many interviews, at last took on more definite shape.

"The portents tell me," said the fortune-teller at the last sitting, "that you are about to be left a big legacy which will enable you to live a life of ease, indeed of luxury. This is your destiny. But for its accomplishment it is essential that, as an act of faith, you should leave your savings in my charge for three days."

\$200 were duly handed over. Three days later the clairvoyante had taken on the wings of a dove and flown. In her absence she has been condemned by a Paris court to 18 months' imprisonment and is ordered to refund the \$200.

The House of Commons was in session. Dr. Addison (Minister of Agriculture) rose to explain his attitude towards the Lords' amendments to a certain Bill. In addressing the Chair, he commenced by saying, "Mr. Lloyd George."

There was a prolonged outburst of laughter, in which Mr. Lloyd George joined heartily.

"Your master," shouted a Conservative member, while another cried out "You have given the show away."

Dr. Addison explained the slip of the tongue by telling the House that he had, at the moment, be-

fore he rose, been reading a message from Mr. Lloyd George in relation to one of the amendments.

News in Brief.

Two years ago to-day a typhoon was experienced in the Colony.

The name of Mr. Leslie Blair has been added to the List of Authorized Architects.

A new list of fees for trade marks is published in the Government Gazette.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 80 degrees. The humidity at 10 a.m. was 88 and at 4 p.m. 81.

The name of Mr. C. N. S. Burns, of Watson and Co. Ltd., has been added to the Register of Chemists and Druggists.

Mr. J. C. Lynn, of the Sarawak Oil Fields, Ltd., who has been here on a short holiday, is leaving for his station to-day by the s.s. Fushimi Maru.

The Rev. J. Pratt will preach at the 11 o'clock service in St. Andrew's Church to-morrow. The preacher at evensong will be the Vicar.

Owing to delays in the mail we have had to go to press to-day without our Saturday feature, "Bringing Up Father." Our readers may hope for better luck next week.

Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, broker, has reported to the Police that on Thursday he entrusted an office boy, aged 28 years, with \$376.60 to pay various bills. The "boy" has not been seen since.

"The Four Feathers" a sound film, featuring William Powell, Richard Arlen, Olive Brook, Fay Wray and Noah Beery, will be screened at the Majestic Theatre to-day and to-morrow.

The fee to be paid for every Chinese undertaker's licence hereafter granted and issued under the Licensing Ordinance, 1887, has been altered to \$25 in lieu of the fee of \$20 appearing in the schedule to the Ordinance.

Mrs. Ransom-Kehler, International teacher of the Bahai Movement, at present on a world tour, sails from here to-day on board the s.s. Kitano Maru for Sydney. The movement is to encourage the restoration of goodwill and confidence throughout the world. Mrs. Ransom-Kehler has received a great welcome at all the countries she has visited during her tour.

Miss Marion Howlett, known as "The Ambassadress of Good-Will," will be passing through Hong Kong on her world tour from America. The President and Council of the Helena May Institute propose to invite Miss Howlett to a reception at the Helena May on Friday, September 4, from 11.30 to 12.30 p.m. No invitations are being issued, but all women interested in social work will be cordially welcome. Any alteration of the above time and date due to the steamer's movements will be notified in the China Mail.

M.P.'S FLYING DAUGHTER.

Qualifies As Passenger Carrying Pilot.

Miss Pauline Gower, the 20-year-old daughter of Sir Robert Gower, M.P., has been awarded the "B" aviation licence by the Minister for Air.

Only two other women in Great Britain have this licence—Miss Amy Johnson and Miss Winifred Spooner.

Miss Gower obtained her "A" certificate about three months ago, after having flown only fourteen hours.

The "B" certificate entitles the holder to carry passengers "for hire or reward." For ordinary private flying an "A" certificate is all that is necessary.

NEWS IN ADVTs.

Household furniture and shop fittings will be auctioned at the Palace Store, 25, Nathan Road, by Lamport Brothers on Thursday.

REVIVAL OF THE OCCULT.

Wizards Abound in New York.

RESORT TO MAGICIANS.

The most startling result of the financial depression in New York has been the revival of the occult. Wizards to-day are as prosperous and as plentiful as bootleggers. Thousands who have abandoned the churches are resorting to magicians. The fortune-teller hangs out his sign as freely as the barber or the pawnbroker.

The haggard business man clamours to the remote and scornful stars to tell him when a favourable tide shall set in. Prophets and palmists flit like birds of strange omen through Wall Street.

A crystal-gazer has rented a Broadway theatre, where hundreds gather nightly to see him gamble on futurity.

Eastern mystics, surrounded by admirers, fall into rigid trances in gilded Fifth Avenue apartments. Racketeers consult the supernatural before essaying whatever little piece of dirty work they have on hand.

The anxious bootlegger seeks wisdom of the planets before running the blockade with his newest cargo of rum.

My favourite tabloid newspaper gives me thoughtfully each morning an astrological prediction for the day, advising me whether it is propitious for love-making or for flustering on the Stock Market, (writes R. J. Cruickshank in the News Chronicle). Then in the evening the wireless vibrates with the dulcet voices of soothsayers, warning me against Neptune or commanding me to Mercury. It is all very much like living in the days of Merlin and Morgan le Fay, and the air pulses with enchantment.

\$20,000,000 A Year.

Miss Miriam Rooney, of Loyola Catholic University, said the other day that Americans are now paying \$20,000,000 yearly to fortune-tellers, numerologists, astrologers, palmists and those gifted ladies who can see coming events in the pattern of the humble tea-leaf. A New Yorker suggested to me that of this sum about \$7,000,000 was spent in New York.

The fortune-tellers are certainly building fortunes for themselves. The more fashionable astrologers are making incomes of \$10,000 a year, which is not bad in these lean times. Their traffic with the stars is vastly more profitable than that of the great American astronomers, Michelson and Shapley.

I asked a woman astrologer recently how much she charged for a consultation. "My fee is \$20 an hour," she replied crisply. This propheticess has a considerable reputation for forecasting the rise and fall of the market, and so she is consulted by big speculators and brokers. It is even said that the stars hinted to her the amazing rise in Auburn motor shares. Such gossip, carried in the feverish atmosphere of Wall Street, adds to the prestige of these soothsayers. That some of them edge tips from one broker to pass on to another carries no weight with the credulous.

Does the name of Evangeline Adams strike a spark in London? Here, at least, it is a name of power. There is no man and no

woman in the United States on whose words-multiples hang quite so eagerly. She is the queen of all astrologers, at once the friend of the great and the confidante of the poor. She is as intimate as a beauty parlour and as public as the weather reports. She is the high priestess of the stars, who, after a lifetime spent in discreetly advising great financiers, now finds herself a public figure of the first rank, borne upon the crest of this wave of interest in the occult.

It is wireless that has projected Miss Adams on the screen of national affairs. An astute toothpaste company, sensing the country's feeling, has engaged her to broadcast regularly. Myriads listen to her, as devoutly as the faithful to a bishop. Her talks are compounded of the usual generalities about the Zodiac and the planets, plus the shrewd good sense acquired by a woman of the world in mixing with all classes.

Evangeline's voice is lulling, motherly, kind, with a hypnotic quality that suggests she is crooning a baby to sleep. Her advice is so blandly vague, it is unlikely it would do anyone any harm. Yet there are listening multitudes who regard her as an angel of hope, a pillar of fire in these dark days, the favoured daughter of the celestial powers, to whom is revealed the secrets of the future.

The aforesaid astute toothpaste company has an arrangement with Evangeline by which purchasers of its commodity may get their horoscopes free. The wise Evangeline has a staff that does nothing but prepare these horoscopes, and they are showered upon farmers, artisans, clerks, shopkeepers, all sorts and conditions of men.

Cult of Astrology.

The cult of astrology used to be confined principally to big business men and Society women. To-day, through the marvellous medium of wireless, it is spreading to all sections of the population. The babe is learning to lip, Gemini.

Behind it all lies the get-rich-quick passion, which disappointed by successive reverses on the material plane, now seeks to express itself on a higher level. Impatient with the traditional creeds, it seeks a speedier happiness in another revival of those ancient magics that have intermittently allured humanity through the ages.

It might be added there is no fear of police interference with the majority of these cults, in spite of the laws against them which are not unlike those on the British Statute Book. The reason for this tolerance may be found in the number of persons of prominence and distinction who give them their patronage.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of August 22, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/3 5/8.

Describing the case as trivial Magistrate Lindell on Saturday dismissed a summons against a Portuguese schoolboy named M. Remedios charged with having assaulted a rikisha coolie and set his dogs on him. The coolie said that Remedios was playing football in Nathan Road, Kowloon, when the ball fell into the witness's rikisha. He remonstrated with Remedios, who then struck him. Remedios did not deny that he struck the coolie.

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THE GAMBLER'S APOLOGIA

INTERESTING IMAGINARY DEFENCE.

(By a Non-Gambler.)

I always feel to a certain extent apologetic when I write of gambling in this column, says "Artifex" in the Manchester Guardian. For I know that I have often treated of that subject before. But the matter is of such vital importance that one may perhaps be forgiven for returning to it again and again. And certainly to-day I have a quite new aspect of the subject to treat. Many people ignore the problem presented by gambling altogether. Others poo-poo the whole matter and try to make out that, except in exceptional cases, there is little harm done by betting and that for most people who bet it is merely an occasional diversion which brings a good deal of harmless amusement at little cost. But few writers are prepared to offer a well-thought-out apology for gambling. But that is exactly what the post has brought me. At last I am presented with the gambler's apologia.

Let me be fair. My correspondent is not himself a gambler. He enjoys cards and chess, but does not play for money, and he has never had a bet on a horse race or any other form of sport. But he says, with, of course, perfect truth, that any unfairness in stating one's case merely weakens an argument. And he thinks that I am unfair to gamblers. He denies that the gambler is moved by the desire to get something for nothing and offers the following imaginary defence by a gambler of what he holds to be the right type. Such a man is supposed to say:

Play Up Readily.
"I make a bet when I feel inclined, but I have never risked more than I could afford, or knowingly encouraged others to do so; I try, when I lose, to pay up readily and cheerfully, and when I win, to take my winnings modestly and kindly. Whether I have lost or won on balance in the course of my life I neither know nor care, but I am sure that I have not lost more than an equivalent for the pleasure I have received, and I believe that those who have lost to me would say the same. I would rather that anyone in whom I was interested, betted in this spirit and with these restrictions than that he would give a better example by so doing. The gain, as gain, is not my object. It is, incidentally, a symbol; the pleasure does not consist in it, though there would be no pleasure without the possibility of it. When I make a bet with a man like myself the loser's enjoyment of the bet outweighs the pain of the loss, so that both are gainers. On what grounds do you condemn such a pleasure that do not apply to all others? All pleasures can be abused, but they are not therefore evil. Why do you make an exception in this case?"

Bad Psychology.
What shall we say in reply to this? Well, I myself should be inclined to say two things—namely, that it was bad psychology and that it ran clean contrary to daily experience. It is bad psychology because if the gambler did not desire pecuniary gain, nor fear pecuniary loss, there would be no excitement. Mr. Malthus, in R. L. Stevenson's story "The Suicide Club," gained intense pleasure from risking his life on the turn of the card. Why? Obviously because his life was something that he did value, not because it was a matter of indifference to him. When people argue that what the gambler desires is the excitement and pleasure of gambling, and that he is really quite indifferent to the stake,

they fall into the fallacy of the hedonistic philosophers of the second half of the eighteenth century who spoke as if pleasure in the abstract, quite apart from pleasurable objects or sensations, could be a motive of action. It cannot be too clearly recognised that where an object is not desired its attainment gives no pleasure and its loss causes no pain.

A Safer Guide.
But it is not necessary to appeal to philosophic principles in this matter. Everyday experience is a safer guide. It is quite thirty years ago that a Lancashire woman said to me, of her husband, "When he wins he drinks and stops off work; and when he loses he's so disagreeable there's no living with him, and children are afraid to come in to their meals; and win or lose there's never a penny extra for boots nor clothes for me or for them, or for a bit of holiday for any of us. It's all sin and wickedness from beginning to end." Since then scores of women have given me similar testimony. It is more than twenty years ago that a lad said to me, of his "foreman" at work, "When he's had a bad week he's like a bear with a sore head. There's no pleasing him whatever you do, and he has half the girls in the shop crying we've been at work an hour." This, too, has been supported since then by many witnesses. And only the other day I came up behind a woman whom I know just as she snatched a paper from the passing newsboy and broke into a torrent of foul language because her horse was not even placed. How do these examples drawn from life agree with my correspondent's picture of the ideal gambler? I confess that I have never met anyone remotely resembling that fancy portrait. It seems to me to bear the same relation to the betting man, as I know him, as the romantic highwayman, who is good to the poor and chivalrous to ladies, and who rides away on his Bonny Black Bess; does to the drunken and cowardly ruffians who picked pockets and cut throats on the outskirts of London a century or so ago. But in connection with a great and serious moral evil I have no use for musical-comedy portraits.

Is Insurance Covered?
My correspondent offers another criticism. People used to say that gambling could not be morally wrong, as insurance was a form of gambling. When that was easily shown to be ridiculous they took up another attitude. My correspondent says that the current definition of a gamble as "an agreement between two parties, whereby the transfer of something of value is made dependent on chance in such a way that the whole gain of one party is balanced by the whole loss of the other," covers insurance. Of course it does nothing of the sort. In insurance there is neither loss nor gain. If I pay premiums for years, and make no claim, I lose nothing. I get in return a perfectly real and marketable commodity—namely, security, a thing on which my banker will make an advance. If I have a fire and make a claim, I gain nothing. At least if I try to I am likely to have a bad half-hour with the fire assessor. Insurance is not gambling, and the recognised definition is correct and does not cover gambling. It is extraordinarily difficult to get even educated men to think clearly on this subject.

HOOVER'S PLAN AND THE FUTURE.

(By Leslie R. Aldona.)

The European patients of Dr. Hoover, one at least of whom (Germany) was faced with the danger of a complete breakdown, have been granted a reprieve. It is really remarkable that the distinguished trans-Atlantic physician (brought by a canon's stricture than those of Harley Street), was persuaded to intervene at all. The determining factor, no doubt, was that his own country, the United States, would assuredly have been involved in the epidemic of chaos and bankruptcy if this had been allowed to spread. For nearly a fortnight it seemed as if Madame France would find the war debts still too bitter for her taste, and would spit it out in a fit of nationalistic nausea. Very care-

ful coaxing indeed was needed to persuade her to accept the treatment.

A First Step.
All this, however, is only a first step. President Hoover is too wise a doctor to believe that, when a high temperature has been held in check, the disease has been cured. Some patients are notoriously difficult to get out of bed, as soon as the fever has abated. Will the European family mistake a temporary relief from pain for a complete cure? The American President has no illusions that one dose of medicine will suffice. Listen to his words spoken as soon as the agreement between France and the United States was announced: "The world has need of solemn thought on the causes which have contributed to the depression. I need not repeat the long list of these causes; the burden is imposed and the tears are shed."

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Daisy Ho	94
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Clement Leong	97
Margaret Grace Strickland	85
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Raymonde Blackmore	81
JUNIOR HONOURS.	
Alvena Lihovetsky	77
PREPARATORY HONOURS.	
Carmen Maria Alonco	99
Florance Tong	97
John Wong	97
Eva Tam	95
Maurice Rupert Leong	95
Beatrice Pestonji	91
Vivian John Robert Jordan	85
Dora Ellis	83
Winifred Smith	80
Agnès Chan	96
Stella Lee	86
Stanley To	86
Pass.	
Clothilde Andrade	77
Marion C. Vincent	74

C. K. RAILWAY.

Negotiations to Resume in December.

Canton, Yesterday.
Negotiations for the revision of the agreement made between the British Government and the Chinese Government in regard to the division of profits of the Canton-Kowloon Railroad Line will be resumed by the end of the year, according to information emanating from the local official circles. The deadlock of the negotiation which was started by the former Managing Director of the Chinese section of the line during the beginning of the year, is understood to end about December as in accordance with the international rule governing the appropriation of railway line profits, protest must be lodged 12 months before formal negotiations can be made between the contracting parties. Canton Sun.

by competitive armaments. Contemplation of the past few weeks should bring the realisation that we must find relief from these fundamental burdens, which to-day amount to several times the amount of the inter-Governmental debts.

It is probably a good thing that the League of Nations has decided to convene the first world Disarmament Conference at a time which happens to fall within the period of the moratorium. The objects of this Conference certainly come within the prescription of Mr. Hoover. A great opportunity will arise for the weary and burdened patients to take the medicine. Setting an Example.
The argument may be advanced that America herself, in spite of her armaments warning, is spending more on fighting forces than any other country in the world—more than Great Britain who comes second on the list. It is equally clear that the Washington Government, which is in a better position than anybody else to afford an armaments race, has now been brought to realise that competition neither succeeds in bringing a lasting security nor pays from the business and economic point of view. American statesmen have declared that their country is ready to reduce armaments to any extent as long as other nations fall into line. The United States, too, are doing all in their power to work with the League of Nations to ensure the success of next February's Disarmament Conference. Moreover, with Great Britain and Japan in the sphere of naval armaments, they have already done something to set an example.

BEER OR HAM AS SECURITY.

Experiences of a Home Pawnbroker.

CURIOUS INCIDENTS.

"Take this beer, it was my mother's but I haven't enough cash to go home with," was the request received by a pawnbroker recently.

Similar proposals were numerous, he said. He had been offered a cheese and a side of ham, but neither was accepted. About 80 per cent. of the people who pawned goods were in poor circumstances, said the broker, and there had been a big increase in the number of people trying to raise cash.

Many customers continuously pawned the same goods, he added. One man had brought his evening suit along so often that soon it would not be worth taking, while a flapper had had her gold wrist watch in and out for the past seven years. A woman had a diamond necklace in his safe for 20 years, paying interest every six months.

\$4 in Camera.
Some curious things happen in pawn shops. One man brought in a box camera, for which he received 2s. 6d. He was back a few days later in a terrible state of anxiety. Was his camera still there? When he paid what was owing and received the camera, he tore open the back, and pulled out \$4 in notes. The camera had been his daughter's money-box, but thinking it was not wanted, he had pawned it.

A FALL IN ORANGES.

Small Boys' Harvest.

Traffic was disorganised for several hours in Aldwych recently when about 200 cases of oranges on their way to Covent Garden Market fell from a motor lorry. The lorry had swerved to avoid a taxi, and half the load, representing about twenty tons of oranges, was flung into the road. The wooden cases burst, and the fruit rolled in all directions. There was a rush of messenger lads and small boys, who pounced upon as many oranges as they could lay hands on and ate them with relish. The road was littered with crushed fruit.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank, wire	11%
Bank, on demand	11%
Bank, 4 months' sight	11 7/16
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/- 1/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/- 3/16
On Paris—	
On demand	585
Credits, 4 months' sight	625
On Berlin—	
On demand	Nom.
On New York—	
On demand	23
Credits, 60 days' sight	24%
On Bombay—	
Wire	64%
On Calcutta—	
Wire	64%
On Singapore—	
On demand	41%
On Manila—	
On demand	46%
On Shanghai—	
On demand	Tls. 79%
Dollar	7 1/2% dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand	46%
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	
Silver (per oz.)	12 13/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	
Copper Cash	1 1/4% prem.
Copper Cents	Nominal
Copper Cents	8% prem.
Rate of Native Interest	
Chinese Sub. Coin	3 1/2% p.a.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	2 1/4% dis.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	123.95 1/2
New York	4.85 31/32
Brussels	34.85 1/2
Geneva	24.98
Amsterdam	12.04 1/2
Milan	92.9
Berlin	20.54 1/2
Stockholm	18.16
Copenhagen	18.17 1/2
Oslo	18.17 1/2
Helsingfors	18.94
Vienna	34.55
Madrid	55
Prague	164
Lisbon	110
Athens	875
Bucharest	817
Rio	3 1/2
Buenos Aires	8 1/2
Montevideo	21%
Bombay	1/5 %
Shanghai	1/2 %
Hong Kong	11%
Yokohama	2/- 1/32
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Munchener, "Burger-bräu Dark," per case	
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S.S. MONCALIERI (cargoboot)	Sept. 22	Oct. 4
S.S. CRACOVIA (passengerboat)		

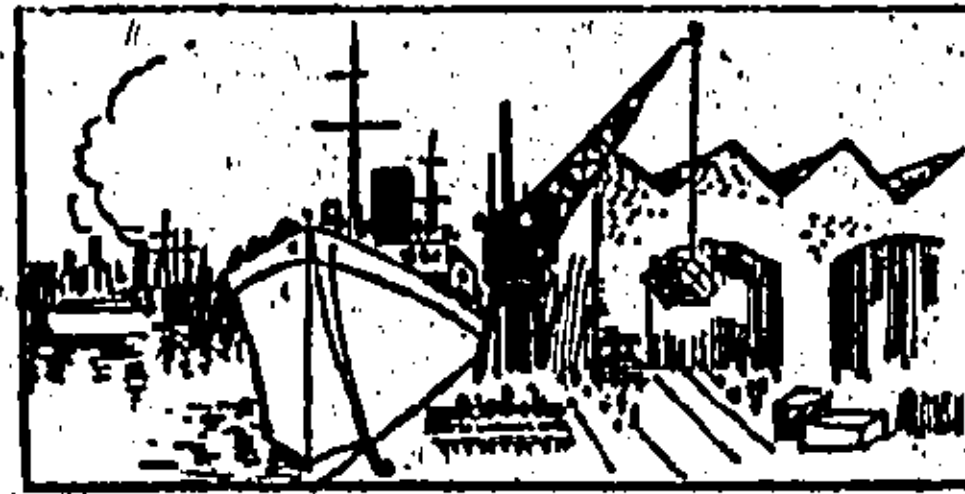
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WATER LEVELS.

Details for West, North and East Rivers.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:—

	Aug. 20	Aug. 21
West River at Shihshing	24.3	24.5
North River at Samshui	8.1	15.2
North River at Tsingyuen	14.1	15.2
East River at Shiklung	8.8	10.5

The highest levels recorded are:—Shihshing, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Shiklung, 11.5 feet.

The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Shiklung.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Thursday, August 20.
Kahoku Maru, Japanese str., 1,875 tons, Capt. Yamachi, from Dairen, buoy No. B19.—D.K.K. Seattle Maru, Japanese str., 3,622 tons, Capt. T. Urayama, from Sourabaya, buoy No. A7.—O.S.K.

Friday, August 21.
Fushimi Maru, Japanese str., 6,846 tons, Capt. N. Narui, from Shanghai, buoy No. A6.—N.Y.K.

Halvard, British str., 1,217 tons, Capt. A. Hall, from Saigon, buoy No. C8.—Wo Fat Sing. Hopsang, British str., 1,359 tons, Capt. P. R. Gay Cuming, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Nitto Maru, Japanese str., 1,278 tons, Capt. E. Yamamoto, from Canton, buoy No. B23.—O.S.K. Orestes, British str., 4,809 tons, Capt. J. G. Reynard, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

Tai Lee, Chinese str., 1,044 tons, Capt. Z. Massaki, from Swatow, buoy No. C5.—Loong Tai Hong.

Tijmenteng, Dutch str., 4,054 tons, Captain S. Oudendijk, from Panarockan, Talkoo's Wharf.—J.C.J.L. Tslman, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. W. Shaw, from Canton, buoy No. B8.—B. & S.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—Caradoc—No. 8 buoy. Cicalea—In dock. Odin—North wall. Oswald—North wall. Otus—East wall. Seraph—North arm. Stormcloud—North arm. Tamar—Basin. Tarantula—West wall. Foreign. Helena—American gunboat. Saga—Japanese gunboat.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE

Consignees of cargo ex S.S. Gange are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after August 25.

DEEP-SEA DOCTORING.

A shout, a thud, and the sound of running feet break the afternoon quietness on the large cargo steamer, as she ploughs her lonely way across the blue Pacific. The captain rushes from his quarters on the lower bridge to where a small group of men are gathered round a limp form lying on the fore-deck.

"What's happened?" he shouts. "Man fallen from aloft, sir," someone replies.

A stretcher is brought, and the unconscious man carried to the vessel's small saloon, which holds the medicine chest. For no doctor is carried on a cargo ship.

The captain and officers do their utmost to bring comfort to the seaman, whose leg is badly fractured. A knowledge of "first aid," part of their training, enables them to place the broken limb in splints. They give the man brandy, wash his cuts and bruises, and put stitches into a scalp wound.

The man groans, and opens his eyes. "Well, son, how is it now?" asks the captain; but the patient lapses into unconsciousness again, without speaking.

"Get into touch with a liner as soon as possible, and inform the bridge," are the orders issued to the wireless room. Shortly the operator reports that he is in communication with a passenger steamer, a few hundred miles astern.

"Right," says the master, "take this message. . . ."

The commander of the great liner reads the telegram just handed to him, picks up his telephone, and dials the surgeon's cabin. "Hello!—that you Doc I'm sending down a message—do what you can." Soon the doctor is giving to the wireless room the advice asked by the cargo vessel's captain.

Added is request to be kept informed of the injured man's condition. After several messages have been exchanged the surgeon visits the commander's cabin. "Bad case, that, sir," he says. "Internal injury, I'm afraid. Would it be possible to pick him up?" The liner captain's reply is shown by the ship's increasing speed. A course is set for the cargo vessel's position.

The following afternoon two vessels lie motionless on the calm Pacific, a short distance apart—one a rust-covered cargo steamer, the other a liner, with shining brass and white paint-work.

Passengers line the decks of the larger ship, to watch the liner's motor launch, with the gold-laced surgeon in her stern, bearing the injured sailor to comfort, professional attention, and almost certain recovery—to be sent to hospital at the first port, and eventually to England.

That is how it done to-day. Yet one can still meet the old "shell back," who tells how his captain, running out of Number 6 pills, would administer two Number 3's.—B. G. P. in Evening News.

U.S. MAIL LINE.

New Classes on Pacific Run.

A cable received in Singapore from the American Mail Line Offices in Seattle advised that the trans-Pacific President Liners of the American Mail Line has offered special class accommodations to the travelling public; the new service commenced with the President Cleveland sailing from Seattle August 8 for Japan, China and the Philippines.

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STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Manila on August 22 (Sat.) at 7 a.m., leaves Manila on August 24 (Mon.) at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on August 26 (Wed.) at 7 a.m. She leaves Hong Kong for Vancouver via ports on August 28 (Fri.) at noon.

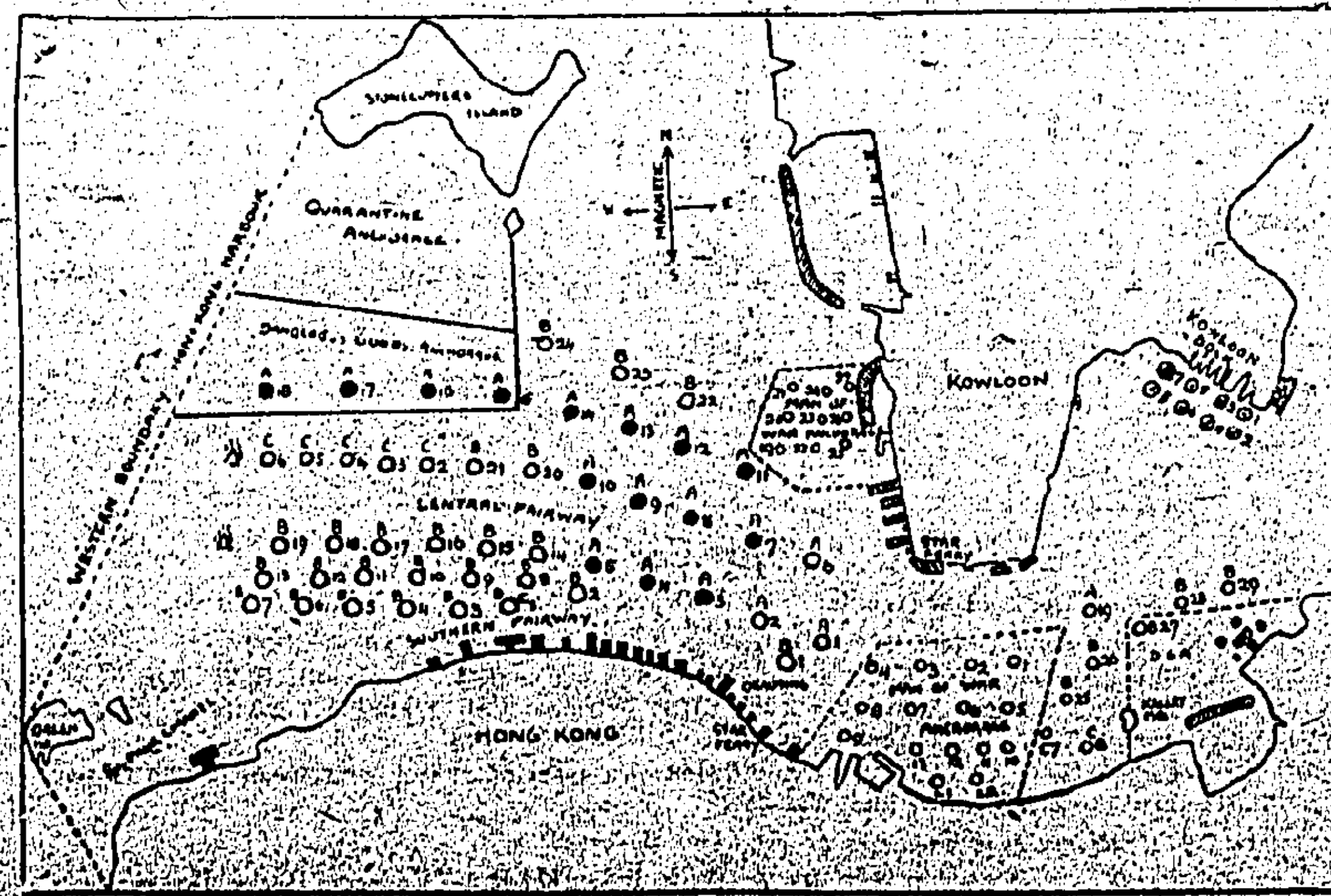
HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

August 22 to 28, 1931.

DATE	High Water	Low Water
August	Standard Times	Standard Times
Aug. 22	10.15	4.15
Aug. 23	11.05	5.05
Aug. 24	11.55	5.55
Aug. 25	12.45	6.45
Aug. 26	1.35	7.35
Aug. 27	2.25	8.25
Aug. 28	3.15	9.15
Aug. 29	4.05	10.05
Aug. 30	4.55	10.55
Aug. 31	5.45	11.45

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Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 25
Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Oct. 31	Nov. 8
Empress of Japan	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 14	Nov. 22
Empress of Asia	Nov. 20	Nov. 23	Nov. 25	Nov. 28	Dec. 7
Empress of Canada	Dec. 5	Dec. 8	Dec. 10	Dec. 12	Dec. 20
Empress of Russia	Dec. 18	Dec. 21	Dec. 24	Dec. 26	Jan. 4

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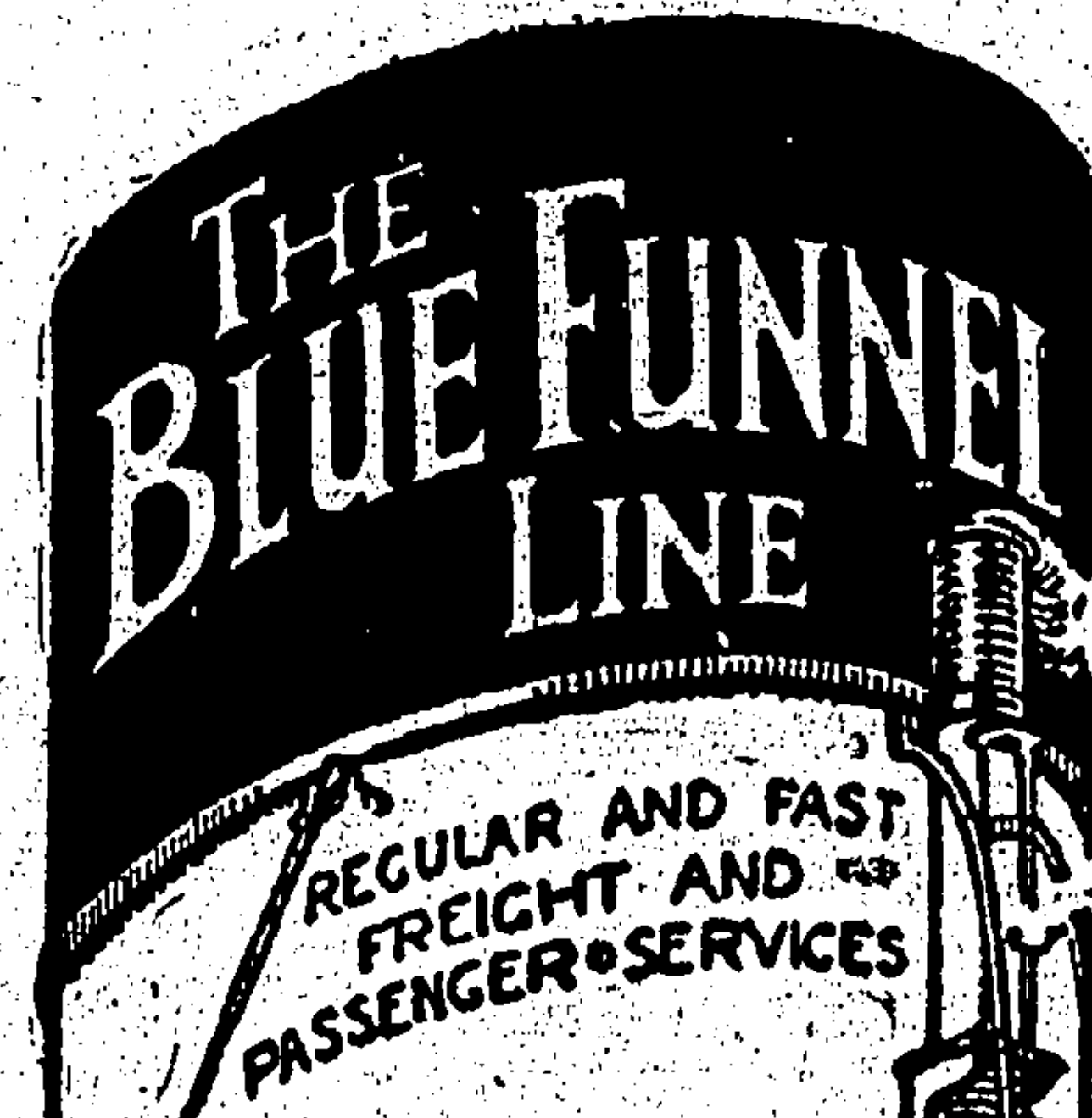
HONG KONG—MANILA.

	Leave Hong Kong	Arrive Manila
EMPRESS OF JAPAN	Sept. 4	Sept. 6
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Sept. 17	Sept. 19

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"TYNDAROS" 17th Oct. For Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.

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MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO, MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPE TOWN.	Hawaii Maru	Mon.	31st Aug.
THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore & Colombo.	Sydney Maru	Sat.	5th Sept.
BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila.	Nitto Maru	Sat.	22nd Aug.
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Havre Maru	Fri.	28th Aug.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Amazon Maru	Fri.	11th Sept.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama.	Alaska Maru	Sun.	11th Oct.
Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Kina Maru	Tues.	15th Sept.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Salween, Del. & Colombo.	Hokuroku Maru	Tues.	8th Oct.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Argun Maru	Thurs.	3rd Sept.
HAIIPHONG via Hobei & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).	Honolulu Maru	Tues.	1st Sept.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (8 p.m. every Sun).	Menado Maru	Thurs.	3rd Sept.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Canton Maru	Sun.	30th Aug.
	Deli Maru	Thurs.	27th Aug.

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CATHAY	15,000	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SOUDAN	9,500	19th Sept.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KALYAN	9,000	26th Sept.	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam, Ant- werp & Hull.
MANTUA	11,000	10th Oct.	Marseilles & London.
*KASHMIR	9,000	24th Oct.	Marseilles, Ldon, Rdam & A'werp.
*BURDWAN	6,500	31st Oct.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
NALDERA	16,000	7th Nov.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHGAR	9,000	21st Nov.	Marseilles, Ldon, Rdam & A'werp.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	5th Dec.	Marseilles & London.
CORFU	15,000	19th Dec.	Marseilles & London.
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*ST. ALBANS	4,500	31st Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
MANTUA	12,000	11th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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KASHMIR	9,000	25th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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He signed his indentures as an apprentice in June, 1894, with Messrs. Thomas Stephens & Sons of London, and the next four and a half years of his life were spent in their barque "Harold," running on the big triangle out to Australia and home by way of the West Coast of South America. It was a fine training and he has never lost his keen interest in sailing ships, but he was quite shrewd enough to see that there was no future in them for an ambitious youngster, and as soon as he got home at the end of his first voyage he joined the P. & O. company as a junior officer.

That was in December, 1898, his first appointment being to the old Valletta as sixth officer of the Calcutta Line. As fifth he was in the Parramatta on the Indian-Eastern service, and as fourth in the old Rohilla. He was promoted to be third officer in the Carthage in 1900 to act as a hospital ship in the Expeditionary Force to China during the Boxer Rising, and after that job was done he served in a similar capacity in the Oriental, Sumatra, and Egypt, thus seeing practically every side of the company's activities except the Australian before he got his second mate's billet. That came with an appointment to the Persia, followed by the Mongolia and Malwa on the Australian service.

As soon as he got his master's ticket in September, 1904, he received a sub-lieutenant's commission in the Royal Naval Reserve and was always a keen member of that force. As acting lieutenant he did his twelve months' training in the cruiser Natal in 1911 and 1912, and passed out with first class certificates in gunnery and torpedo work.

In the meantime promotion came to him to chief officer, when he served in the famous old Salsette on the Aden Ferry and was chief of the Malta in the China Mail service when the war broke out. He was immediately mobilised with the Reserve and served in the battleship Albion in the Dardanelles and Salonika campaigns, then as gunnery officer to the armed merchant cruiser Orvieto in the Tenth Cruiser Squadron in the Atlantic, and finally as officer in command of the trawler force at Larn, which was kept very busy closing the Northern entrance to the Irish Sea to German submarines.

After the war he returned to the Australian service as chief officer of the Naldera for five years, and was

A MASTER'S AGE.

The Recent Highland
Hope Case Decision.

There is no limit to the age at which a fully-qualified master may command a ship. That has been definitely decided upon by the High Court of Justice. The owners of the Highland Hope appealed against the finding of the Court of Formal Investigation into the loss of their vessel off the Coast of Portugal, when it was found that the Court considered the owners could not be absolved from blame for the casualty in that they employed as master of their ship a man whose age was such that he could not reasonably be expected to withstand the mental and physical strain in commanding a large and fast passenger vessel.

The master was, in fact, 76 years of age. The appeal was allowed in favour of the owners on the ground that "the evidence before the Commission was in favour of the fitness and competence of Captain Jones, and the propriety of his employment and this evidence was not challenged and seems to determine the matter in favour of the appellants." On the complaint that the owners were condemned without being charged or heard, the appeal was also allowed. This is perfectly just, says the Nautical Magazine; no one has the right to deprive a man of his livelihood, otherwise it might be alleged that a man was too old to retain his command. On the other hand, quite apart from the case of the Highland Hope, it seems desperately hard that a master who has been for years in command of a ship should not receive a pension for his long services. Men who spend long years at sea have to endure the constant changes of climate, and in many cases their services are not so well paid for as to allow them to set aside capital for old age. Their responsibilities are in no way commensurate with the salaries they receive, as compared with the manager of a large store ashore.

If no provision is made for retiring pensions and masters serve in companies until they are 70 years of age or over, it is only reasonable to ask at what age may officers expect promotion? The position seems too absurd to contemplate. The time is long overdue when the system of employment at sea, in whatever capacity, was subjected to investigation and reasonable arrangement. It is most unfair to those companies who provide pensions for good service to realise that others with equally large vessels do not. It is also unfair to expect loyal service from officers when there is so little opportunity for promotion.

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EASTERN PORTS.

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Plague.

Alexandria: 1 case.
Bagdad: 1 case.
Rangoon: 1 case, 1 death.
Colombo: 1 case, 1 death.

Cholera.

Basrah: 263 cases, 140 deaths.
Bombay: 6 cases, 7 deaths.
Calcutta: 20 cases, 7 deaths.
Madras: 2 cases.
Rangoon: 1 case, 1 death.
Colombo: 1 case, 1 death.
Shanghai: 1 case.
Greater Shanghai: 4 cases.

Small-pox.

Bombay: 1 case.
Calcutta: 4 cases.
Cochin: 1 case.
Rangoon: 1 case.
Tulicorin (S. India): 7 cases.

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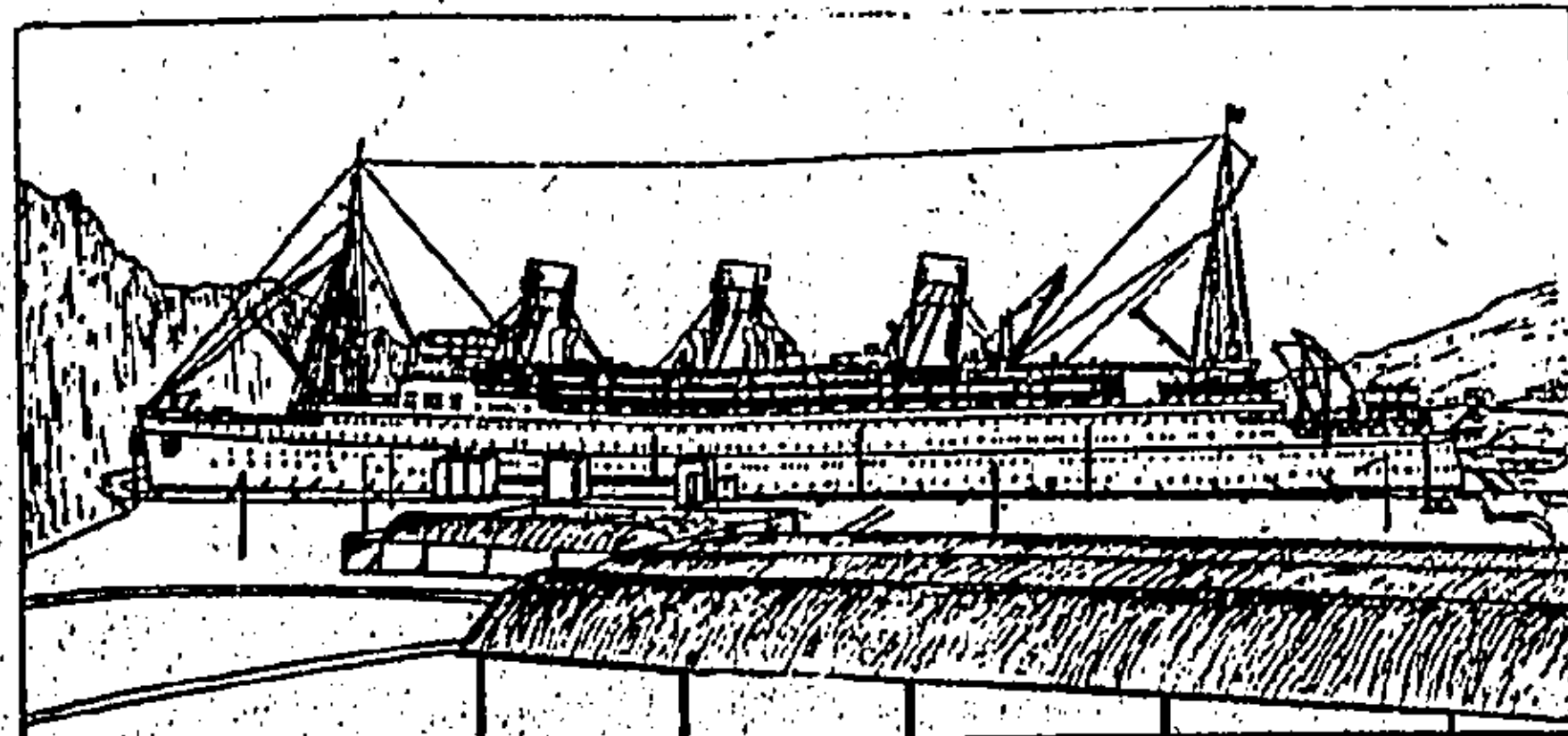
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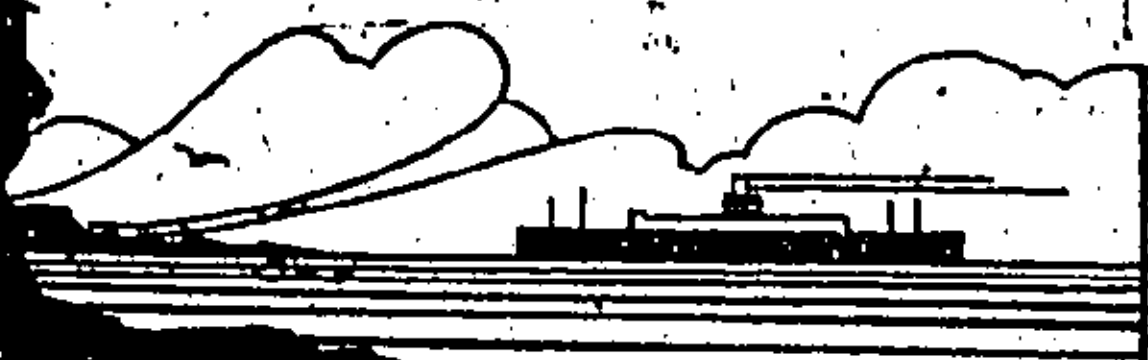
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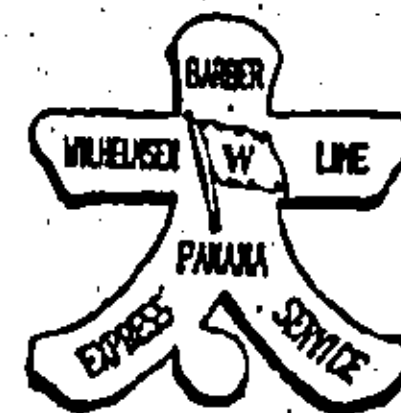
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BUYING CLOTHES.

Looking Round The Sales.

All women yearn to look well dressed. Not all, however, achieve the happy state. Sometimes the fault is one of taste. Indiscriminate buying of Paris models never made any woman "smart." Dressing, like any other business, needs brains if good results are to be obtained. The woman who earns a reputation for being chic is the woman who chooses her clothes more because they suit her personality than because they happen to be fashionable. Very frequently the woman with a reputation for good dressing establishes this on frocks which cost only a very moderate sum.

Many women are happily occupied laying the foundations upon which their reputation for being well dressed will rest. They are, in other words, taking advantage of the Summer sales.

Careful examination of the sale "bargains" will reveal treasures which no woman can afford to neglect.

Each season has its distinctive materials and styles, and the woman who has kept abreast of the progress of fashion will find plenty of these in the sales.

This year all kinds of novelty silk materials are used for Summer frocks. Plain and printed Shantung models, too, deserve careful attention.

Coats are not required to match either the dresses or the skirts with which they are worn. This is an arrangement the convenience of which it is impossible to exaggerate. It dresses and coats or suits are carefully chosen the coats can be interchangeable, and thus it will be possible to ring a number of changes on a quite modest wardrobe.

Beach Clothes.

The woman planning her holiday outfit is particularly happily situated this year. Beach clothes and sun-bathing outfits will, to a great extent, replace the more conventional frock. Hitherto beach suits with their trouser skirts have been regarded as exotic garments to be

left to the few. This year beach suits which cost only a few shillings are shown side by side with frocks, and are eagerly snapped up.

Delightful and inexpensive little suits of this kind are made from Shantung, for others wool stockinet is used. Many of these models are two-piece or three affairs. First there is a bathing suit, over which the long trousers are worn for beach and promenade purposes. The costume is completed by a short coat which can be removed when the wearer wishes to indulge in a sun bath. When it is time for a sea bath the long trousers are discarded, the bathing cap adjusted and mademoiselle is ready for her morning dip.

DANCE FAILURES.

One new dance after another, has failed—the Six-Eight, the Midway Rhythm, and the new Cuban dance known as the Rumba. So far as I am aware, no effort has been made to present the Rumba to the public, though it is the rage of New York.

Modern dancing to-day is ruled by the restaurants. It is the chic and dazzling restaurants with their highly-paid orchestras that are making tangoes and waltzes popular seven nights of the week.

They will look much prettier in those new frocks.

HOME GYMNASIUM.

Many other ingenious exercises have been designed for small flats and houses where there is no space for the usual gymnasium equipment. In the doorway, for instance, can be fitted a rectangular frame, with grips for the hands and feet. This swivels round so that a woman who wants to be slim can step into it and whirl herself in a series of complicated exercises which would normally need much space and skill.

For Small Flats.

An apparently innocent leather seat, looking like a piano stool, is actually plugged into the electric light supply. Turn the switch, and the seat bucks like a broncho, so that the woman who sits on it,

whether astride or side-saddle, is given the slenderising equivalent of a cross-country ride in fifteen minutes.

Inside a Chinese lacquered cabinet is another instrument of flesh-reduction—one of those little electric motors with webbing belts that can be used for body massage, or, if a smaller and softer belt is fitted, for massaging the double chin or any other part of the face.

That Diaphragm Roll.

A small aluminium gadget, resembling a sculling exerciser, is particularly useful for that roll of flesh round the diaphragm. It weighs only 15lb., and can be packed in a suitcase. It comprises a sliding seat, foot-pedals, and handle-grips, exercises of all kinds, both standing and sitting, being done with its help.

Games, too, are more "slimming." As well as the popular backgammon, shove ha'penny, and Corinthian bagatelle, hostesses are offered a newer and far more energetic proposition called table hockey. This is played by two people who rush round the five-foot board which represents the field.

For testing the result of all this exercise there is a new space-saving weighing-machine boxed into a cork-topped bathroom chair.

BEAUTIFUL HANDS.

Five Minutes' Care A Day.

[By Phillida Hughes.]
Beauty in many cases is only a question of remembering to care for what you have and artfully suggesting what you haven't.

Let us consider the question of arms and hands. You can do quite a lot to improve their appearance.

Hand and arm packs are now used as regularly as face packs, and are easily made and applied at home. White of egg, lemon juice, milk, glycerine, medicinal mud are some of the simple ingredients which will make the hands soft, white and supple again.

A home-manicure is a simple and pleasant business, especially as the shops are so full of tempting, inexpensive aids to finger beauty. Five minutes a day is all that is required to keep the finger-nails clean and bright.

The Daily Treatment.

If the nails are properly filed once a week the daily treatment is simple enough. Work from the corner of the nail towards the middle, and never rub the file up and down the nail, but lightly and in one direction all the time.

All you need do is smooth the nails, with an emery board, wash them well in warm soap and water, pressing back the cuticles while the hands are wet to shape the rims into attractive ovals, and apply a little good liquid polish to make them shine like jewels.

Avoid constant work with an orange stick. This increases the space between nail and finger, causing the nails to get dirty quickly.

Hands and arms are invariably neglected, even in these no-sleeve days. There is no reason why they should not be creamed and powdered just as often and as carefully as the face. The arms should certainly have their share of anti-sunburn and anti-freckle lotion.

Massage and Exercise.

Massage and exercise do as much towards beautifying hands and arms as the other parts of the body, and results are more quickly apparent.

Skin food should be rubbed well into the hands and arms every night, the movement extending from finger-tip to shoulder with special attention given to the elbow.

A few rippling movements of the arms, made while you are dressing in the morning, dropping and raising of the wrists, bending and straightening of the elbows—going through the movements of a motorist's road signals is an excellent exercise—will keep the hands and arms supple and shapely.



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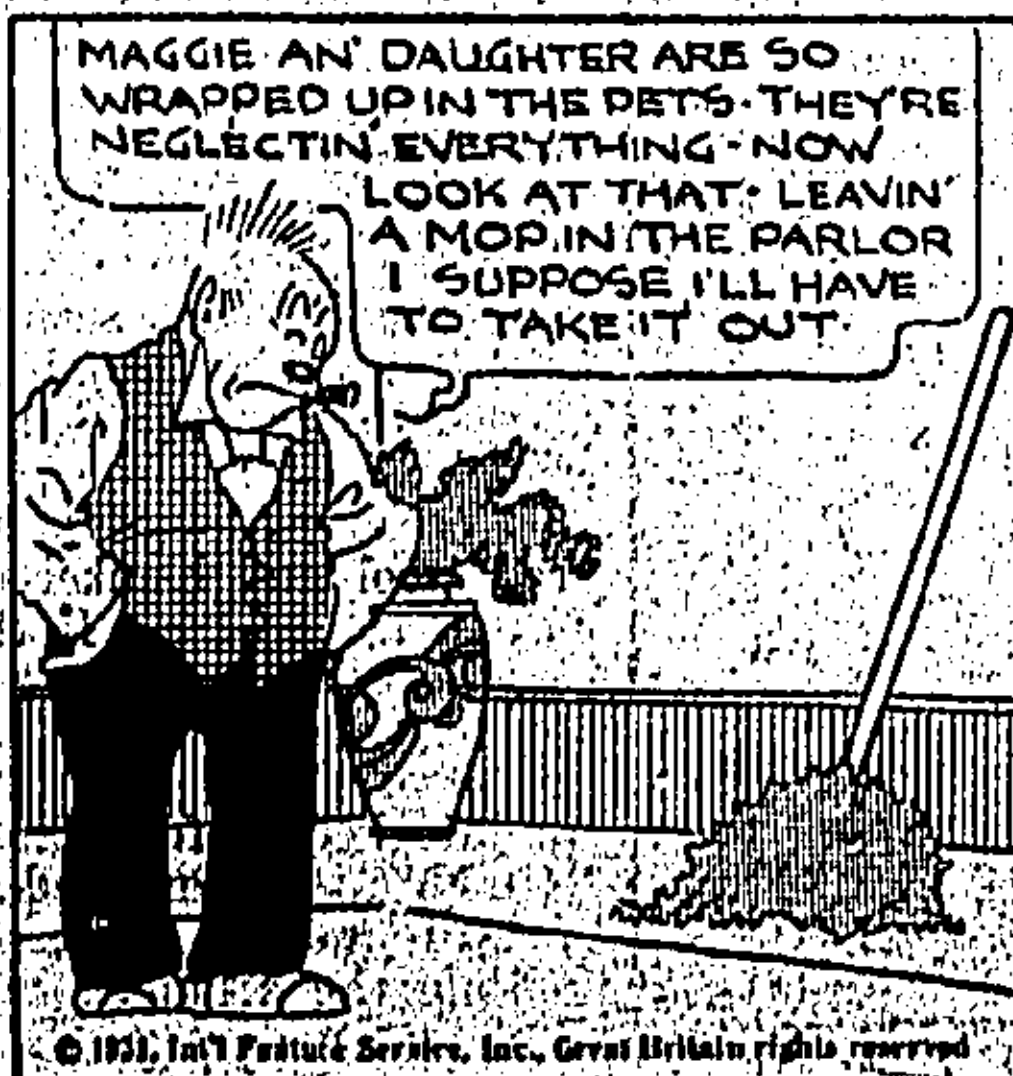
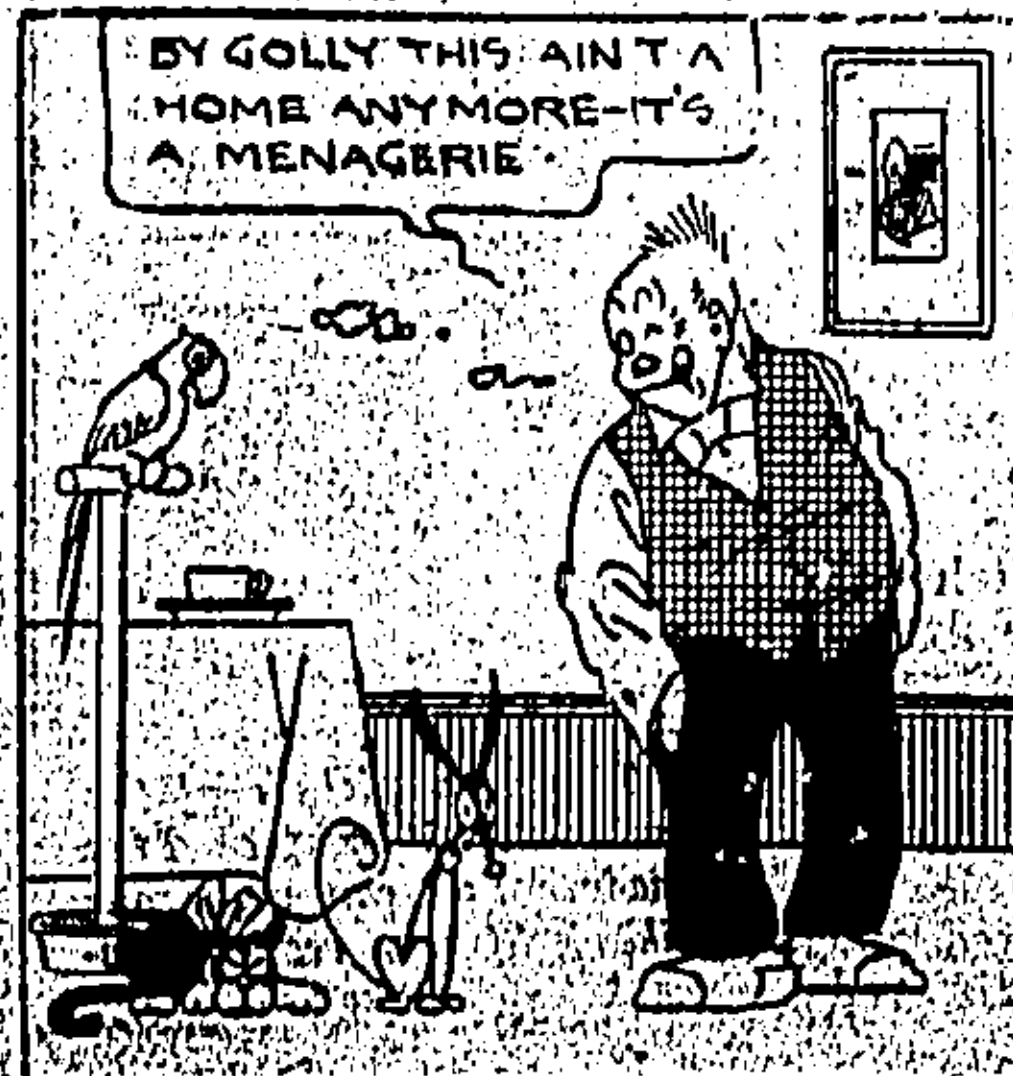
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THE FOUNTAIN OF ARETHUSA.

There is a railing round the Fountain of Arethusa in Syracuse, but all day long, and far into the night, people lean over the rail and look down into that strange pool. What do they see there—these little Sicilian children, boys, girls, soldiers, fishermen, and visitors from all over the world? They see a pool where fish dart to and fro; they see lazy ducks basking on the hot stones which have been placed round the pool, and a number of white doves fluttering over the elegant papyrus plant which grows in the fresh clear water. But it is very strange, that pool of fresh sweet water so close to the sea. Lift your eyes, and across a few yards of paving stone you see the ever-blue sea.

"Arethusa," smile the dark eyed Sicilians pointing to the pool lovingly. And the children throw crumbs, and whisper to Arethusa's doves.

Long ago, they tell you, Arethusa was a lovely laughing water nymph living in Greece, and she sometimes carried the



The fountain of Arethusa.

bathed in the rivers, and sometimes she hunted in the woods with Diana. One day she met

Alpheus, the great river who took the shape of a man when he wished to hunt, and Alpheus spoke to her, and asked her to come hunting with him. Arethusa shook her head and ran away, and Alpheus was grieved, because he loved the nymph. He determined to carry her to the underground part of his great river, which flowed above ground in some places, then sank beneath the earth, only to appear again in some distant spot.

Alpheus surprised Arethusa one day when she was bathing, and, springing out of the water, the nymph fled away, followed by the river god.

"Help me, Diana!" cried Arethusa, when Alpheus was about to overtake her.

Diana threw a cloud upon Arethusa, but Alpheus only smiled and waited for the nymph to step out of the cloud. Then the little nymph became so frightened that she melted into a stream of cold water, and, laughing gently, Alpheus immediately took the form of a river and flowed along beside the clear stream.

In her anger, Diana stamped upon the ground, and it split open. And Arethusa flowed quickly into the dark places beneath the sea, and eventually sprang up into the air and found herself in Ortygia, a part of Syracuse beloved by Diana. There she sparkled in the sunshine beside the sea, ever happy, ever lovely.

But it is whispered, after a time the river Alpheus found his way across the sea, and joined Arethusa in Syracuse. The people say that if a cup is thrown into the river Alpheus in Greece, it will eventually appear in the Fountain of Arethusa in Sicily.

No wonder they gaze down into the pool—wondering! Is Arethusa sparkling and lovely because she now loves Alpheus, or is she smiling because she has outwitted him and he is still looking for her in the sea?

THE BILLY BOYS' WORKSHOP.

How To Make A Fire Screen.

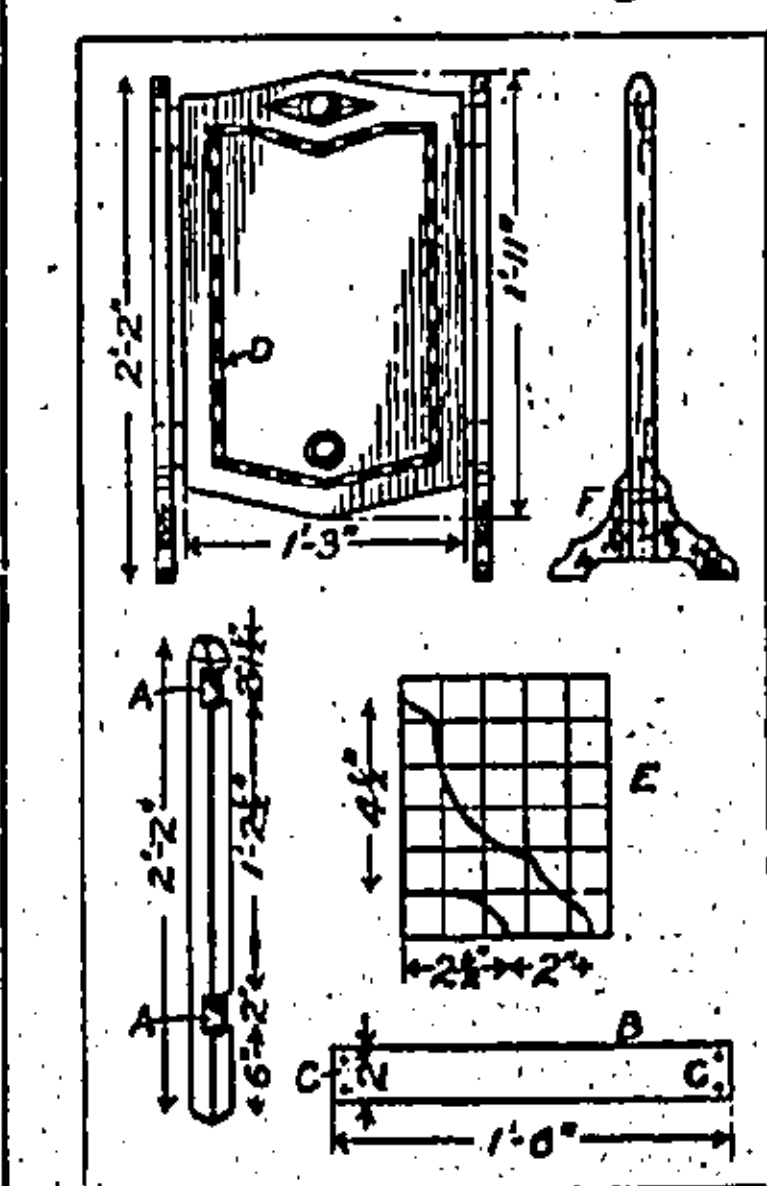
This useful fire screen can be made of ordinary deal and a piece of plywood.

Cut the two uprights from one-and-a-quarter-inch by one-inch wood. After planing these carefully on all sides, clamp them together and, with your try-square, mark the positions of the slots A.A. With saw and chisel cut out these slots to a depth of three-eighths of an inch.

The two cross-rails are three-eighths of an inch thick, cut to the sizes given in diagram B, and plane on both sides. At a distance of half an inch from each end of each rail bore two holes, one inch apart, as indicated at C, for the fixing of screws. Glue and screw the ends of the rails in the slots A.A. The distance between the uprights at each rail should be one foot four inches.

Make the centre panel of the screen from a piece of three-ply wood, two feet long and one foot three inches wide. Plane the long edges square, and saw the

simple shaping at the top and bottom edges as shown in the first diagram. Mark the position of the ornamental beading D in



The firescreen about which Carpenter tells you to-day; and some diagrams to make his instructions quite clear.

pencil, and then, fix the panel to the cross-rails with small countersunk screws, so that the heads

will be covered by the beading strips. Cut the beading to the lengths required, glue it in place, and secure it with a few fine wire nails. The wooden diamond ornament at the top and the medallion at the bottom can now be glued on.

Obtain four pieces of wood, one inch thick, six inches long and five inches wide, for the feet. Plane these on both sides. Mark out one-inch squares on one piece, as shown in diagram E, and then pencil in the outline of the feet. Cut this out with a pad-saw, and use it for marking the shape of the other three feet. After cutting these out, smooth the rough edges with glasspaper, and fix each foot by two screws as indicated at F.

A smart finish can be given to the completed fire screen by coating it with oak or satin-walnut varnish stain.

The Hut Carpenter.

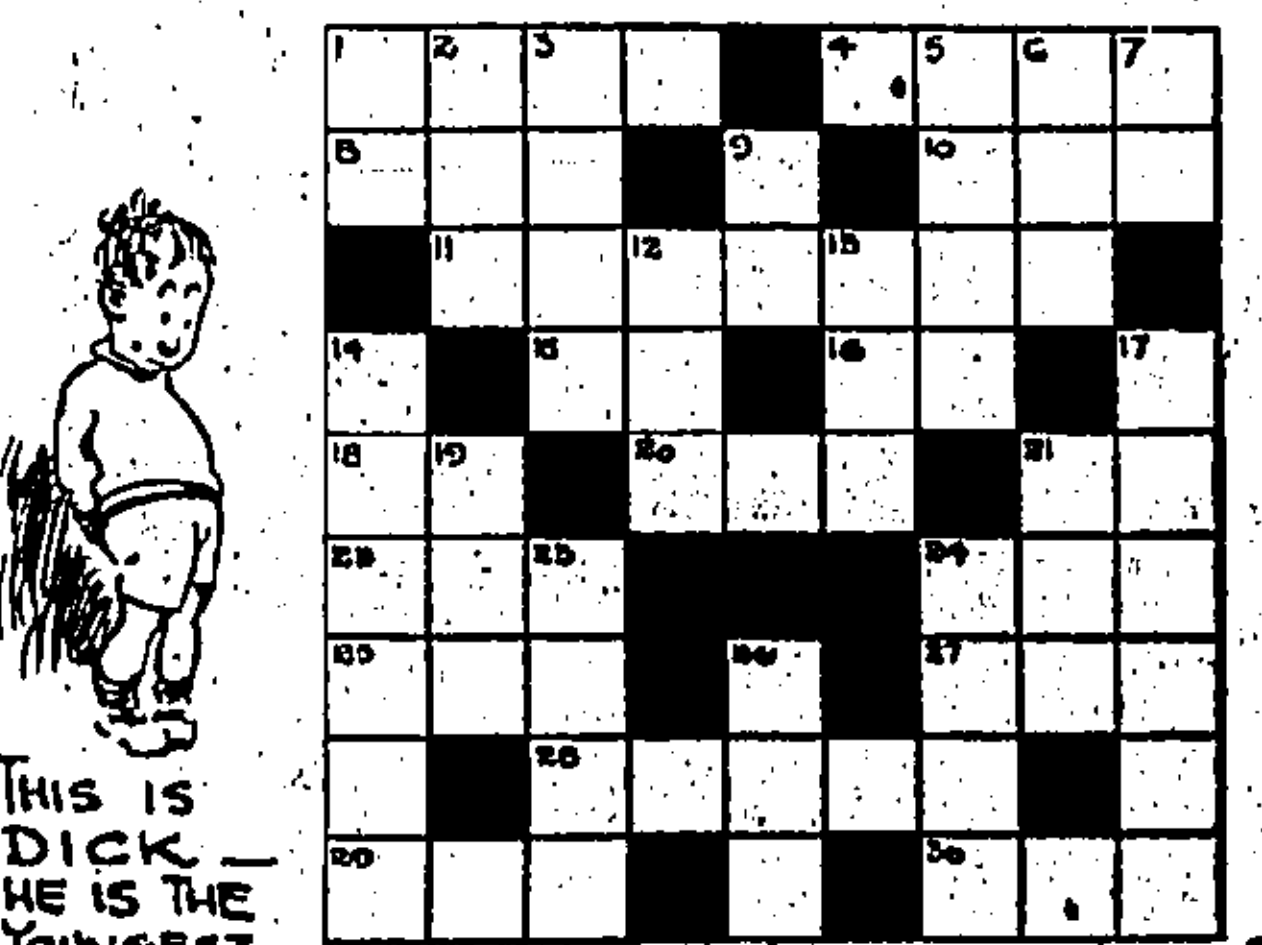
TINK'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE.

The word hidden in last week's puzzle was "assess," as you probably thought when you saw the picture of the donkey, or "Ass," and the letters ESS. Full solution—

- Across.
1. Schoolboys and schoolgirls ... (Scholars).
 7. Part of verb "to be" ... (Are).
 8. Little bed ... (Cot).
 9. Wild beast's home ... (Den).
 10. Plaything ... (Toy).
 11. Hidden word ... (Assess).
 14. Part of verb "to be" ... (Am).
 15. Animal ... (Ox).
 16. As far as ... (To).
 18. Flower ... (Iris).
 20. To measure ... (Metre).
 21. Used in geography lessons ... (Map).
 22. Conflict ... (War).

- Down.
1. Not happy ... (Sad).
 2. Best part of milk ... (Cream).
 3. Birds ... (Hens).
 4. Plays a part ... (Act).
 5. Fowls' sleeping quarters ... (Roost).
 6. Figs' home ... (Sty).
 12. Painful ... (Sore).
 13. Way out ... (Exit).
 14. Smallest particle ... (Atom).
 17. Above ... (Over).
 18. Little mischievous sprite ... (Imp).
 19. Stitch ... (Sew).

Now I wonder if the picture and the words beneath it will suggest to you the title of the Shakespearean play we have hidden in this week's puzzle. There are three words in the title.



THIS IS DICK HE IS THE YOUNGEST OF THREE. Which of Shakespeare plays does this suggest to you?

Clues:—

- Across.
1. Serpents.
 4. Notion.
 8. Title.
 10. Insect.
 11. First word of hidden title.
 15. Depart.
 16. About.
 18. Thanks!
 20. Second word of hidden title.
 21. Compass point.
 22. Put into one total.
 24. Not high.
 25. Pronoun.
 27. Girl's name.
 28. Third word of hidden title.
 29. Twenty-four hours.
 30. Pronoun.

- Down.
1. Because.
 2. Same as 8 across.
 3. Conceited person.
 5. Challenge.
 6. Termination.
 7. Preposition.
 9. Exclamation of query.
 12. Small bed.
 13. Part of verb "to be".
 14. Remained.
 17. Be on guard against.
 19. Feet.
 21. Incline the head.
 23. That which ought to be done.
 24. Boys.
 26. Young goat.

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ers to hips and across your chest. Take a piece of material this width and twice the length; fold it widthways and lengthways, and cut as shown in Diagram A on the top fold only. Cut through the top fold, too, to give you the front opening. Cut the sloping shoulder line on both folds, but make only a wee curve for the back of the neck. The front opening is slanted slightly, as you see. Cut the coat in paper first; open it out; pin it up; and try it on, before you cut the material. Then copy the pattern you have made.

The sleeves are just straight pieces of material, cut to fit into the straight armholes, as shown in Diagram A.

Sew up the sides of the coat, join the shoulder seams, and sew up the sleeve seams. Then stitch the sleeves into the armholes, and all the dull part is finished!

Thread a crewel needle with red wool and blanket-stitch all round the coat. If the flannel is closely woven, you won't need to turn in the edges, but loose material should be turned under and tacked; before the blanket-stitching is commenced.

Go round the sleeve edges, and outline the armholes with red

wool stem-stitching. Then mark out the circles by pencilling round coins with yellow chalk; arrange them prettily, and work them with satin-stitch, like Diagram B.

Now sew a big button on the left front and work a wool chain loop on the right, and the little coat is finished.

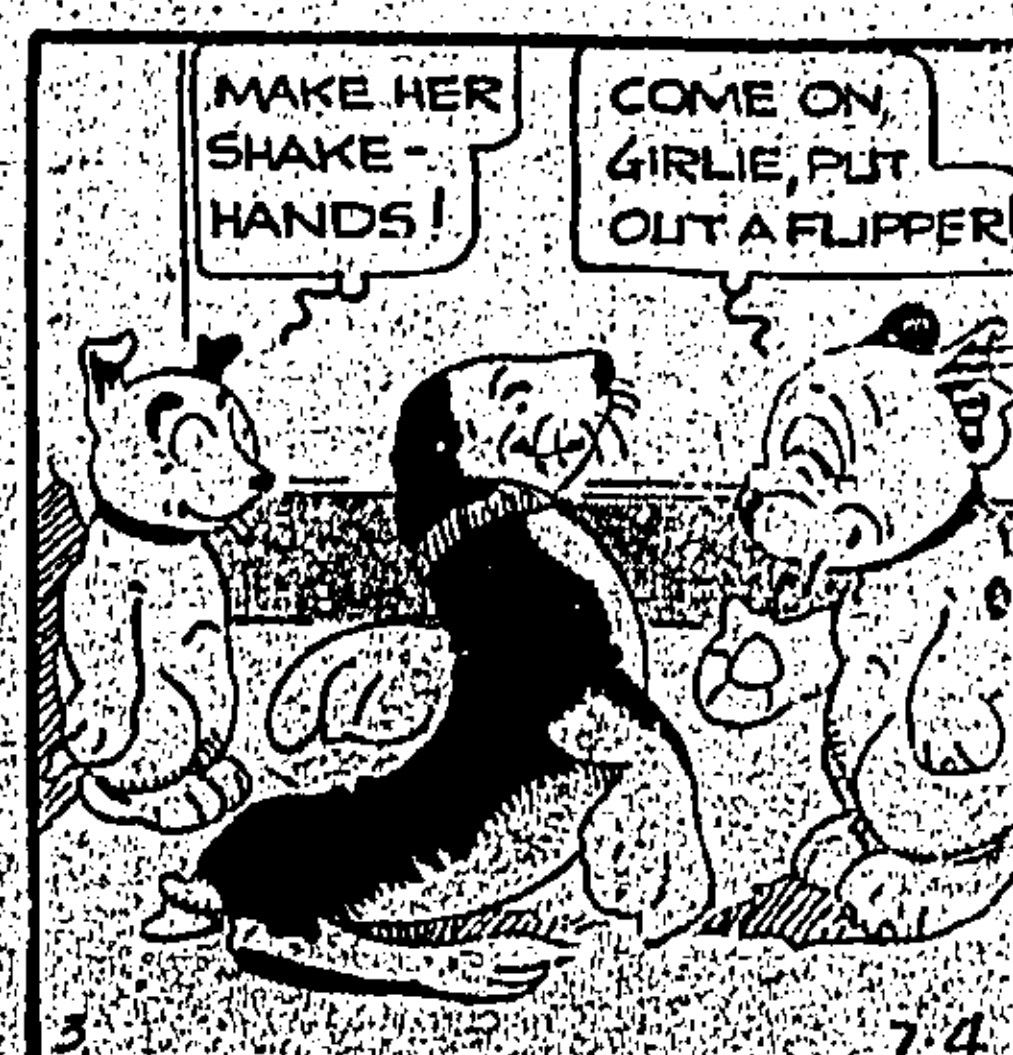
Wendy's Dressmaker.



This is a picture of the embroidered coat Tink made. You can make one like it if you read Dressmaker's instructions.

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"QUICK MILLIONS"

Spencer Tracy, recently recruited from Broadway stardom for the talking screen and now appearing in the Fox drama, "Quick Millions," showing at the King's Theatre, is "sold" on Hollywood as a means of avoiding nervous breakdowns.

"Trying to judge in advance whether a stage play will be a success or not is worse than trying to guess the winning number in a Spanish lottery, Tracy insists. Tracy has discovered it is much easier to guess accurately whether you have a successful production or not. When it is finished, it is previewed before an impartial audience. When a picture is released the producing company can estimate with fair accuracy just how it will elicit with the average audience."

Others in the cast of "Quick Millions" include Marguerite Churchill, John Wray, Sally Eilers, Robert Burns, Warner Richmond and George Raft.

"CRAZY THAT WAY"

By a strange coincidence Joan Bennett and Sharon Lynn, who appear as "pals" in the Fox Movietone production, "Crazy That Way," are friendly rivals in one respect. Off the screen each has been acclaimed the best-gowned girl in filmland. For the picture, Sophie Wachner, fashion creator for Fox Studios, had a task designing several beautiful gowns to be worn by the two girls. Each was aware of the other's prestige and the screen will have to leave it to those who see the picture to select the winner.

Incidentally some mighty smart gowns, just a year ahead of the fashions, are shown in this story by Vincent Lawrence, formerly a most successful stage comedy and as a picture, said to be greatly enhanced. The story of a girl who had many lovers but no love in her heart is the story of "Crazy That Way." Fox Movietone production directed by Hamilton MacFadden, who scored a brilliant success with his direction of "Harmony at Home," and co-starring Joan Bennett and Kenneth MacKenna, Regis Toomey, Jason Robards, Lumsden Hare and Sharon Lynn have important roles. The adaptation and dialogue of the Vincent Lawrence stage play is accredited to MacFadden and Marion Orth.

"BAD SISTER"

Many have read about "Bad Sister," the true-to-life heroine written by Booth Tarkington in his novel. The story has been adapted and made into an all-talking picture by the Universal Productions. The fine "talkie" is now being screened at the Central Theatre, and is having its final showings to-day.

"Bad Sister" is one of the thousands of selfish, inconsiderate and flighty girls, living like Marianne Madison, in the bosom of a big friendly family. She has a father who would sacrifice his last cent for his daughter's happiness—a mother who dotes on her pretty favourite child—a "good sister" who secretly loves the man that can see only the charms of the "bad sister"—and a mischievous younger brother who is precocious to the point of exasperation. A real family—with a common problem! Two unmarried daughters—and one eligible man. You can appreciate the human drama in the situation.

"THE LAWYER'S SECRET"

One man's life, another man's reputation, and two tender love affairs are delicately balanced, one against the other, in Paramount's thrilling drama of a professional man's dilemma. "The Lawyer's Secret," the next feature at the King's Theatre to-morrow.

Brook, a distinguished lawyer, in love with Fay Wray, becomes the confidant of Rogers, Fay's brother. Rogers is implicated in a murder for which Arlen is being tried for his life. Brook's legal ethics forbid him to betray Rogers's confidence, although Fay, unaware of her brother's danger, yields to the pitiful plea of Arlen's sweetheart, Jean Arthur, and urges him to defend the accused boy.

Rogers refuses to reveal his part in the crime, and thus ties Brook's hands. Fay despises the man who

loves her, for letting his professional ethics stand in the way of his performing his duty as a man. As the day for Arlen's execution nears, Brook is racked with emotion, and, finally, decides to act. Then Fay learns the truth about her brother's part in the killing. What does she do then? Does her attitude change? Can Brook go through with his decision? Will Rogers rise to the occasion? Does Arlen pay the penalty for the crime of which he is innocent? These are the tense and eager questions which project the terrific climax of "The Lawyer's Secret." Because its action and its acting are real, true to life, its questions and their answers become vital things. Into its rousing story, its brilliant cast injects convincing life.

"FAIR WARNING"

George O'Brien, who portrays the leading male role in "Fair Warning," Fox Movietone outdoor romance, which is coming to the Central Theatre to-morrow, refuses to stand for any doubts in his picture. No hazard is too great for him and he has taken some chances that even a professional double would hesitate to take. Though he is injured he recuperates quickly.

In "Fair Warning," he performs some amazing feats of a dangerous and thrilling nature and this production was completed without his meeting with accident.

Louise Huntington, beautiful and charming stage actress, is O'Brien's leading woman. The balance of the cast is made up of such well known favourites as Mitchell Harris, Nat Pendleton, George Brent, John Sheehan, Erwin Connelly, Willard Robertson, Alphonse Ethier and Ernest Adams.

"A TAILOR MADE MAN"

Hedda Hopper, delineator of sophisticated, women, makes an "about face" in "A Tailor Made Man," in which she will be seen in support of the frolicsome William Haines, to-morrow at the Queen's Theatre. For as the nouveau riche, dowager, Miss Jopper has a role which goes to the other extreme of naivete. She is even deluded into believing Haines to be a great financier, whereas in reality he is nothing but a pants presser in the farcical plot. The romantic comedy of business life was directed by Sam Wood, who recently scored with his production of "Paid." Dorothy Jordan, Joseph Cawthorn and Majorie Rambeau have prominent roles.

ROUND THE CAMP FIRE

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2,000 Rover Scouts (young men of 17 and over belonging to the Boy Scout Movement) in charge of Brigadier-General E. G. Godfrey-Faussett (Boy Scouts Headquarters Commissioner for Training) will represent Great Britain at the first World Rover Scout Moot to be held at Kandersteg, Switzerland, from July 30 until August 7. The Moot, which will be the first international gathering of Rover Scouts, will be attended by parties from the United States of America, Siam, Egypt, Hungary, Roumania, Denmark, Spain, Austria, Latvia, France and Belgium, among other countries.

"B.F." Returning From World Tour. The Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell, who is back from South Africa, at the conclusion of his tour in New Zealand, Australia and South Africa, will be present at the Moot with the Chief Guide (Lady Baden-Powell) and their family.

Colonel G. Walton, Headquarters Commissioner for Rover Scouts in the British Empire, will be President of the Rover Scout Conference which forms part of the Moot. Mr. Hubert Martin, International Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association of the British Empire and Director of the Boy Scouts International Bureau in London, will be President of the Moot.

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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

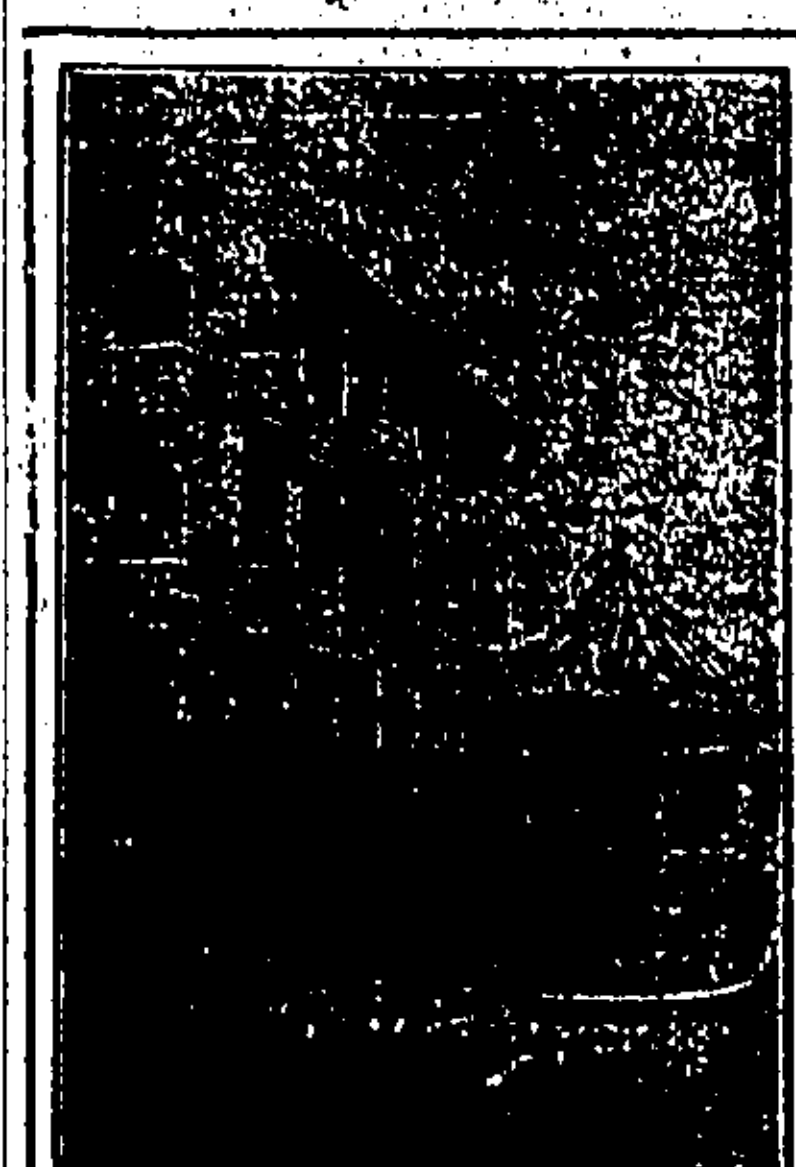
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4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-11.30 p.m.—European Programme of Victor and H.M.V. Records kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.
7.05-7.50 p.m.—Variety.
Hawaiian Orchestra—
Girl of My Dreams,
Marilyn, Mari,
Walter Kolomoiku Honoluluans (21263).Song—
Body and Soul,
You Can't Kill Flies by Scratching Them,
Grace Fields (Comedienne) (23393).Mandoline Solo—
Concert Mazurka,
Mario De Pietro (B2820).Banjo Solo—
Privious Joe,
Mario De Pietro (B2820).Song—
Wear River,
Carolina Moon,
Gene Austin, Tenor (B2995).Humorous Monologue—
A Bedtime Story,
Wish Wynne (B2780).Male Quartet—
Beautiful.....National Cavaliers.
Male Chorus—
Was it a Dream?
The Revellers (21516).Song—
Nanin' Low,
Some of These Days,
Sophie Tucker, Comedienne (23049).8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.
7.50-8.07 p.m.—Organ Soles.
Cantilene Nuptiale (Dubois),
Imperial March (Elgar),
Stanley Roper (C1297).Chanson (Frim),
Reginald Foort (B2938).8.07-9.30 p.m.—
The Entire Musical Numbers of the Opera "Jolanthe" (Gilbert-Sullivan),
Recorded Under the Direction of Rupert D'Oyly Carte (C-10).9.30-11.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox Trot—
Fiesta,
Bubbling Over with Love (22678)
Doin' the Rumba,
So Sweet (22660)
You Don't Know What You're Doin',
I'm Thru' with Love (22677)Waltz—
That Medley of Love,
Was it a Dream? (21297)
Fox Trot—
Moonlight Saving Time,
Boy! Oh! Boy! Oh! Boy!
I've Got It Bad (22703)
Think a Little Kindly of Me,
I'll Love You in My Dreams (22676)You Don't Need Glasses,
Building a Home for You (22704)
Waltz—
The Same as We Need to Do,
(Continued in next Column.)

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN CHINA MAIL.Entertainments.
To-day—King's Theatre;
"Quick Millions."
To-day—Queen's Theatre;
"Crazy That Way."
To-day—Central Theatre;
"Bad Sister."
To-day—Majestic Theatre;
"The Four Feathers."
To-day—Star Theatre;
"Anna Christie."Lammert's Auctions.
August 25—At Sales Room, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.
August 25-26—At King's Silk Store, 10, D'Agular Street, stock-in-trade, 10 a.m. daily.Meetings.
August 31—Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., P. & O. Bldg. 11 a.m.
August 31—Hong Kong Development Building and Savings Society, City Hall, 2.30 p.m.Home Malls.
To-day—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Col di Lana); Outward for Europe via Siberia (President Madison), 5 p.m.
Monday—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Flye Maru), 6 p.m.Sports.
See Sports Diary on Page 4.Concert.
August 23—Promenade Concert, Volunteer Headquarters, 9.15 p.m.
Land Sales.

August 24—At P.W.D. Offices, two lots of Crown land, 3 p.m.

Fox Trot—
Mary Jane (22688)
Moan, You Moaners,
Roll On, Mississippi, Roll On, (22698)You're Just a Lover,
Two Little, Blue Little Eyes, (22679)
Faithfully Yours,
Have You Forgotten? (22690)Waltz—
Beautiful Heaven,
The Swallow (21235)
Fox Trot—
I'm Mad About You,
Let's Get Friendly (22675)
Now You're in My Arms,
I "Wanna" Sing About You (22689)Waltz—
For You,
Fox Trot—
You'll be Mine in Apple Blossom Time (22670)
Smile, Dear You, Smile,
I'm Crazy 'bout My Baby (22662)
She's My Secret Passion,
It's a Lonesome Old Town (22623)
Embraceable You,
I Got Rhythm (22658)
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SCENE IN COURT.

"Thank you, sir; it ought to have been done twenty years ago."

This extraordinary statement was made by William Shelley, aged fifty-six, a labourer, to Mr. Justice Swift at the Old Bailey after he and Oliver Newman, aged sixty-one, another labourer, were sentenced to death for murdering Herbert William Ayres, whose partly charred body was found on a rubbish dump at Edgware.

The case for the prosecution was that Ayres, nicknamed "Sticker," was attacked with sticks or an axe, and that after he had been killed his body was placed on a burning dump.

Newman said that Ayres was killed in a fight which Ayres had started by pushing him down. No sticks were used, but only fists. They were muddled with drink at the time.

Shelley, giving evidence, when asked what sort of man Ayres was, replied, "He was like myself, a bit of a drunkard."

He added that Ayres was a big man and quarrelsome when upset. It was untrue that he (Shelley) had an axe with him on the night of the tragedy. He and Newman had nine or ten pints of beer apiece that night.

Mr. Justice Swift, in summing up, pointed out that if the jury thought that Ayres was killed in a fight, and there was no intention to kill him, they might find the accused guilty of manslaughter.

If they thought that the accused men intended to do Ayres some grievous hurt, and that he died from their punishment, then they were guilty of murder.

The jury, after an absence of nearly an hour, found Newman and Shelley guilty of murder.

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL RESTORATION.

The work of restoring the roof of the eastern chapel of Peterborough Cathedral is now in progress. The damage by the death watch beetle has been found to be of a serious character. When the lead was stripped from the roof it was discovered that the main beams had been attacked to such an extent that they might have collapsed at any time upon the stone groining. The roof is regarded as one of the most beautiful of its kind in the country; its fan vaulting and the gracefulness of its construction have few rivals. The repairs now being undertaken should make the roof safe for many years.

The cost of this restoration is estimated to be £5,500, and with other repairs the total will reach £6,000, as some defects have been discovered in the vaulting and the battlements. The total amount promised is about £3,500, so that a further sum of about £2,500 remains to be secured.

VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Orders for the Coming Week.

LECTURE ON MONDAY.

Orders by Lieut-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., commanding Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, are issued as under:—

PARADES.

Corps Band.

The Band will parade for Band Practice at Headquarters on Monday.

This is very important practice and must be taken advantage of.

Battery.

There will be a lecture by Captain S. E. G. Ponder, M.C., R.A., on Monday at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters. N.C.O.'s especially are requested to attend.

Corps Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday for Signalling Instruction.

Musketry practices will be fired at Peak Range on Sunday, August 30. Firing will commence at 9.30 a.m. Uniform is optional but equipment must be worn. It is requested that all members of the Corps Signals will attend, as these practices are preliminary to classification. Rifles should be drawn on Friday August 28.

Armoured Car Company.

Car Section.—Parade on Monday at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Those detailed will proceed to Kennedy Road to fire Part I.M.G. Remainder M.G. instruction at Headquarters. Instructors Class.—Parade at Headquarters on Friday, September 4 at 5.30 p.m.

Machine Gun Company.

The following will parade on Tuesday at Headquarters:—"D" Section, No. 2 Platoon under the Adjutant and Captain E.J.R. Mitchell.

N.C.O.'s Under Sergt. Terry.

Recruits under C.S.M. Slatery.

Portuguese Company.

All N.C.O.'s will attend the N.C.O.'s examination at Headquarters on Fridays, August 28 and September 4.

The Officers commanding the undermentioned Units will issue their Orders separately to their commands:—

1. Engineer Company.

2. Machine Gun Troop.

Care Of Arms.

Cases have recently occurred of rifles having been returned to Stores with badly corroded barrels due to neglect.

In future any further cases will be dealt with under para. 20 of the Volunteer Ordinance 1920; the cost of a new barrel will be borne by the individual concerned.

Rifles And Bayonets. The undermentioned have not yet returned their rifles and/or bayonets to Store for annual inspection, in accordance with Corps Orders No. 24/31 of June 5, 1931:—

Corps Signals.—L/Cpl. A. Tarbuck.

Machine Gun Company.—Tpr. D. B. Evans, G. P. Lammert, R. A. Fawcett, I. G. Allison, D. Well.

Portuguese Company.—Cpl. M. A. Silva, Ptes. B. Xavier, P. M. Britto, M. A. Oliveira, J. M. Oliveira.

These must be returned forthwith.

Corps Diary.

Page 5—Band Concert "24th August" should read "28th August."

ALL AILMENTS UNDER SUN.

Evidence in Serious Charge.

KOWLOON QUARREL.

A charge of manslaughter was brought by the Crown against Chan Kam, a stoker employed by the Gas Works at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, before Mr. Fraser, for the death of a man named Li Fat, at Nathan Road on August 4 last.

The Public Prosecutor (Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy) appeared for the Crown, whilst Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones defended.

Outlining the case Mr. Fitzroy said that the accused and the victim met, and apparently had a controversy which resulted in a fight between the two. Li Fat received some blows on the head and later died. The accused, when examined, was found to have some marks on his knuckles but whether these marks had any connection with the fight, he was unable to say.

The Crown might show by evidence to be given, that the defendant was guilty of manslaughter, or it might show it to be no crime at all. There was a possibility that it was a case of self-defence.

Medical evidence would show that the victim was in a very bad condition. He was suffering from ailments of "almost every description under the sun," and was apparently one of those propositions which any insurance company would turn down. The injuries received by the victim, if inflicted on a normal person, would not have been serious at all and that was why the Crown had brought a charge of manslaughter against the defendant instead of a charge of murder.

Chang Choi, a youth, deposed that he saw two men pushing each other. One fell down and then an Indian constable came on the scene.

Lo Man-so, a Police Reservist, said he was passing in a bus when he saw two men fighting under a verandah in Nathan Road. The Indian constable stopped the fight, and then one of the men fell to the ground.

A Chinese, describing himself as a musician, also testified to seeing the fight.

The case was adjourned until Saturday, August 29.

No. 1360 Pte. R. A. Bates is transferred from No. 2 to No. 3 Platoon, Machine Gun Company with effect from August 19.

Struck Off The Strength. Permitted to resign.—No. 1433 Pte. R. H. D. Wade, No. 1 Platoon, as from 21.8.31.

Having Left the Colony.—No. 1534 Pte. R. G. Edwards-Jones, No. 1 Platoon as from 29.8.31, No. 1535 Pte. J. G. H. Lander, No. 4 Platoon, as from 2.8.31.

(Sgd) W. H. G. GOATER, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

NOTICE.

Promenade Concert. A Promenade Concert will take place at H.K.V.D. Corps Headquarters at 9 p.m. on Friday, August 28. Admission \$1 (including Tax).

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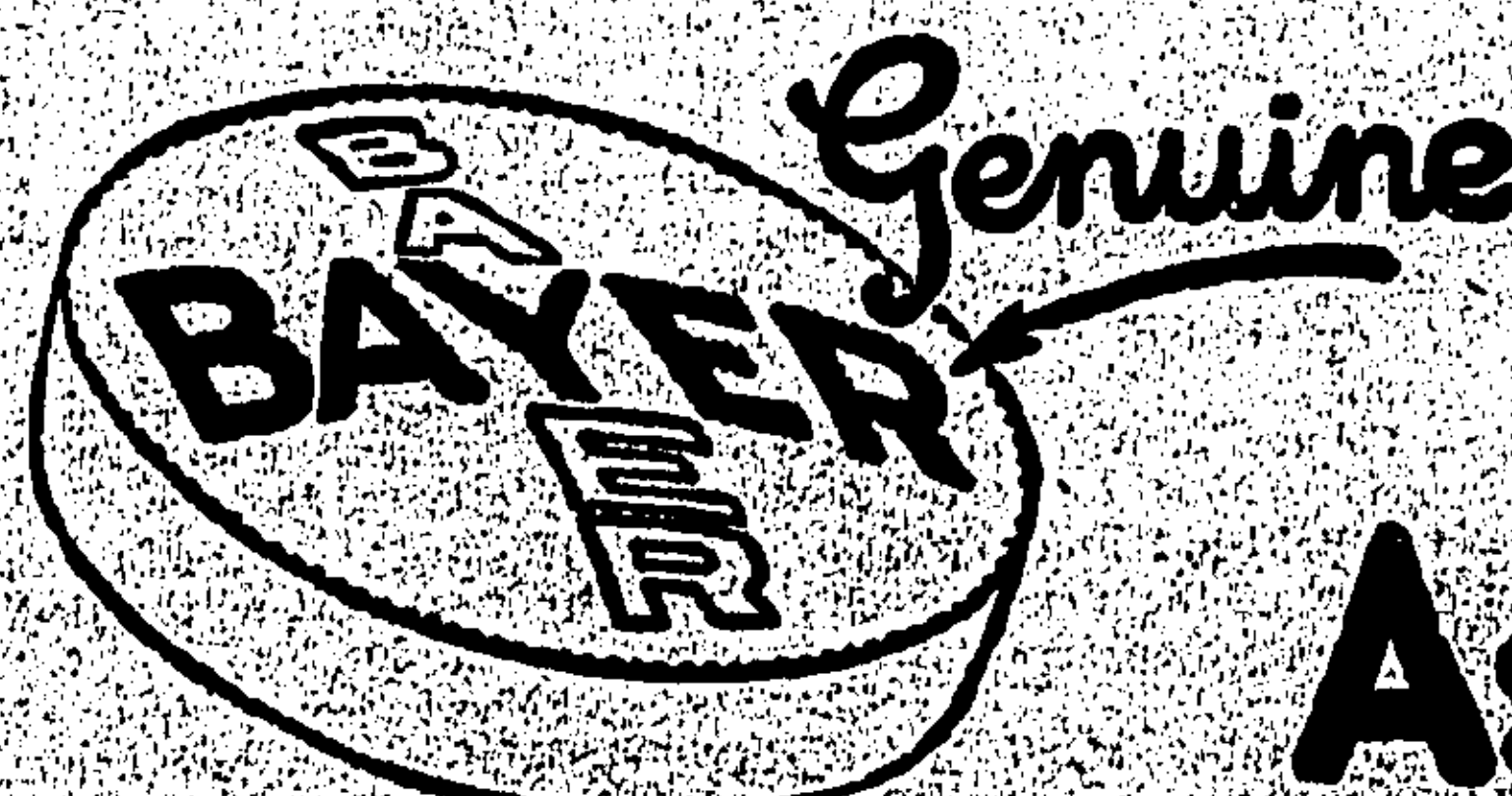
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